



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 4, 2020

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING UNCODIFIED EVICTION MORATORIUM AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.76 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "COVID-19 EVICTION MORATORIUM"

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA SUPERSEDING UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 7359 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.76 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "COVID-19 EVICTION MORATORIUM"

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance updates the City's existing eviction moratorium for residential and commercial tenants who experience financial impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, imposing a moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential and commercial tenants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This ordinance is needed as a result of the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the precautions recommended by health authorities, where many tenants in Pasadena have experienced or expect soon to experience sudden and unexpected income loss. Consistent with City Council direction at this meeting, this ordinance enhances the uncodified eviction moratorium, adopted by the City Council on March 30, 2020, and places the eviction moratorium in the Municipal Code, during the pendency of the COVID-19 local emergency, or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.

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PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Housing Department would be responsible for preparing a self-certification form for tenants to provide to landlords. Additionally, the Housing Department may provide outreach to remind landlords of their requirements to provide tenants with “written notice of the protections” of the eviction moratorium. This notice requirements was not in the existing uncodified ordinance, but is proposed to be added, here. Finally, if adopted, violations may be prosecuted by the City Prosecutor’s office.

FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance will not have any fiscal impact.

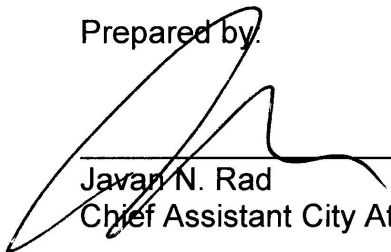
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On this same date, the Council will be asked to find that the ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Respectfully submitted,


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