

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE EXTENDING FOR ONE YEAR THE EXPIRATION OF DISCRETIONARY LAND USE PERMITS THAT WOULD HAVE EXPIRED BETWEEN MARCH 1, 2020 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2021

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and, in some cases, death. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the virus is a tremendous public health threat;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the County of Orange declared a local emergency and a local health emergency; and on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California; and on March 13, 2020, United State President Donald Trump declared a national emergency due to COVID-19; and on May 17, 2020 the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the City;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all residents in the State of California to stay at home;

WHEREAS, the local, state and national emergencies, including the Governor's shelter in place order negatively impacted most commercial and industrial sectors in the State and the City;

WHEREAS, Garden Grove Municipal Code section 9.32.160 provides that all land use entitlements and permits become null and void within one year from the date of approval if not exercised; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to extend the expiration of discretionary land use entitlements and permits that would have expired between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 for one year to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on property owners and the development community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove that all discretionary land use entitlements and permits that would have expired between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 shall be extended for one additional year.