

RESOLUTION NO. 20-33

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE,
CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE PUBLIC ORDERS UNDER THE CITY OF
GLENDALE EMERGENCY AUTHORITY REGARDING COVID-19**

WHEREAS Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 2.84 of the City of Glendale provides that a local emergency may be proclaimed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS on March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Glendale, pursuant to Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 2.84, adopted Resolution No. 20-28 declaring a local emergency necessitated by the growing concern over the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes, from mild sickness to severe illness and death.

WHEREAS The number of confirmed cases has continued to escalate dramatically over a short period of time, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises us that COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person and has issued guidelines recommending that the public adopt policies and routines to enable social distancing wherever possible. In addition, on March 16, 2020, the City Council ordered the closure of and limitation of access to certain public establishments; and

WHEREAS on February 26, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the first case of local person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in the United States, and this case raises the possibility of community transmission of COVID-19 in the general public. The Health Officer of Los Angeles County determined that there was an imminent and proximate threat to the public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County and concurrently declared a Local Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, the WHO characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and as of March 12, 2020, the confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide exceeds 169,000 and more than 6,500 people have died from the virus. The County of Los Angeles has reported approximately 69 confirmed cases, and one death. The number of confirmed cases has continued to escalate dramatically over a short period of time. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises us that COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person and has issued guidelines recommending that the public adopt policies and routines to enable social distancing wherever possible; and

WHEREAS the City of Glendale has redoubled its efforts to maintain hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing. It is absolutely critical that we as a City do everything we can to slow the pace of community spread and avoid unnecessary strain on the medical system. To aid in our efforts, the Director of Emergency Services is authorized pursuant to Chapter 2.84 of the Glendale Municipal Code, to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency, provided such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by Glendale Municipal Code Section 2.84.090 and Resolution No. 20-28, the Director of Emergency Services has issued such Emergency Public Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Council has also adopted Resolution No. 20-29 declaring public orders related to the closure of bars, banquet halls, nightclubs, restaurants, movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, arcades, similar entertainment establishments, gyms and fitness centers

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE that:

SECTION 1. The following public orders of the Director of Emergency Services are hereby ratified (as amended) and extended to April 30, 2020:

A. Glendale Public Order No. 2020-01. (Adult Day Care Facilities). All adult day care facilities within the City of Glendale shall be closed. The purpose for this closure order to prevent the congregation or gathering of large groups of adults, particularly senior citizens, in one location in an effort to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.

B. Glendale Public Order No. 2020-02. (Digital Signatures). That, in order to further enable social distancing, while at the same time enabling the City of Glendale and the public to conduct their business safely, Ordinance NO. 5948, adopted by the Glendale City Council on March 10, 2020 and effective April 9, 2020, which adds Chapter 1.13 to Title 1 of the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995 to allow the City of Glendale to utilize digital signatures and electronic signatures on documents in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations, shall be implemented immediately in the same manner authorized by Ordinance N. 5948 pending its effective date.

C. Glendale Public Order No. 2020-03. (Residential and Commercial Tenancies). That no landlord shall file an unlawful detainer action against a residential or commercial tenant, including tenants whose rent is subsidized by any government agency, including, but not limited to, subsidies under the federal government's Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), in the City of Glendale during this local emergency period if the tenant is able to provide documentation to show an inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These circumstances include loss of income due to a COVID-19 related workplace closure or reduction in hours or activities, child care expenditures due to school closures, health care expenses related to being ill with COVID-19 or caring for a member of the tenant's household who is ill with COVID-19, or reasonable expenditures that stem from government-ordered emergency measures. Written notice of inability to pay rent for one or more of the reasons set forth above must be provided to the landlord 14 days prior to when the rent is due, except for rent due for the month of April in which case said notice shall be made as soon as practicable. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to mean that the tenant will not still be obligated to pay lawfully charged rent. Tenants will have up to six months following the expiration of the local emergency period to repay any back due rent. Tenants may use the protections afforded in this subsection as an affirmative defense in an unlawful detainer action. In addition, to provide relief and protection to Glendale residents during this unprecedented emergency, a rent increase freeze is hereby issued, effective immediately, whereby all rents for residential tenants will remain

the same rate as the date of this Resolution, and during the pendency of the local emergency.

D. Glendale Public Order No. 2020-04. (Closure of Parks and Trails). That in order to protect the health and safety of all in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, all City trails and all sports/play courts, fields and equipment at all City-owned, parks and recreation facilities are closed.

SECTION 2. Resolution No. 20-29 of the Glendale City Council Issuing a Public Order Under City of Glendale Authority Regarding COVID-19, adopted on March 16, 2020 and ending March 31, 2020, shall extend its force and effect until April 30, 2020, and may further be extended as deemed necessary by the City Council or the Director of Emergency Services.

SECTION 3. Any violation of the above Public Orders may be referred to the Office of the City Attorney for prosecution under Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 1.20, which provides for fines not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six months. Each individual officer should use his/her discretion in enforcing this order and always keep the intent of the order in mind. Violations may also be enforced by the provisions of Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 1.24, which shall provide, along with other enforcement mechanisms set forth therein, for fines of \$400 for the first citation, \$1,000 for the second citation, and \$2,000 for the third citation.

SECTION 4. This Resolution and the corresponding orders do not supersede any stricter limitation imposed by the County of Los Angeles or the State of California.

SECTION 5. This order may be extended prior to April 30, 2020.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale on this 24th day of March, 2020.

Ara J. Najarian

Mayor

ATTEST:

Aram Adjemian

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J. Garcia

City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS.
CITY OF GLENDALE)

I, Ardashes Kassakhian, City Clerk of the City of Glendale, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-33 was adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at its regular meeting held on the 24th day of March, 2020, and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Agajanian, Devine, Gharpetian, Quintero, Najarian

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Aram Adjemian
City Clerk