



Glendale Public Order No. 2020-05

Under City of Glendale Emergency Authority

Issue Date: March 25, 2020

City Measures to Address COVID-19 (Residential Rent Increase Freeze)

Whereas on March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Glendale, pursuant to Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 2.84, declared a local emergency. This was 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. 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. In addition, on March 16, 2020, the City Council also ordered the closure of and limitation of access to certain public establishments;

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 our medical system. To aid in our efforts, under the emergency authorities vested in the Director of Emergency Services 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, it is ordered that a series of temporary restrictions be placed on certain establishments throughout the City of Glendale in which large numbers of people tend to gather and remain in close proximity;

Whereas the recommended and mandatory closures of businesses has caused substantial losses of income hindering the ability of businesses to keep up with their rents, mortgages, and utility bills and promoting stability amongst commercial tenancies is also conducive to public health;

Now therefore, by virtue of the authority granted pursuant to Chapter 2.84 of the Glendale Municipal Code, the Director of Emergency Services issues the following orders, effective at 11:59 p.m. tonight, until April 30, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., that:

Section 1. To provide relief and protection to Glendale residents during this unprecedented emergency as intended by the Glendale City Council in its enactment of Resolution No. 20-33, a rent increase freeze is hereby issued, effective immediately, regardless of when the rent increase notice was served, whereby all rents for residential tenants will remain the same rate as the date of this Order, and during the pendency of the local emergency. At the end of the emergency, landlords desiring to increase rent, shall, in accordance with State law, issue a new rent increase notice,

clearly stating the new beginning date of the increased rent and the value of the increase.

Section 2. This order may be extended prior to April 30, 2020.

25th Day of March, 2020

03:45 P.M.

Time: _____

By: *Yasmin K. Beers*

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Director of Emergency Services

Approved as to Form:

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, CITY ATTORNEY

By: *Michael J. Garcia*

Title: CITY ATTORNEY

Date: March 25, 2020