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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: City Manager's Office
MEETING DATE: May 17, 2021

SUBJECT:

Emergency Ordinance – Suspension of Minimum Parking Requirements and Enforcement of Zoning Regulations for Outdoor Business Operations

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt an emergency ordinance extension to temporarily suspend minimum parking requirements on private parking lots; enforcement of zoning regulations for outdoor business operations for commercial uses in private shopping centers; and to continue allowing schools, childcare facilities and other educational uses to operate outdoors during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BACKGROUND:

On March 1, 2021, the City Council approved the continued suspension of minimum parking requirement for private shopping centers and enforcement of zoning regulations pertaining to outdoor business operations in private shopping centers, and allowed schools, childcare facilities, and other educational uses to operate outdoors in addition to restaurants, gyms and fitness centers, personal care services, hair salons and barbershops, places of worship, and retailers. The emergency ordinance was initially approved by City Council in June 2020, and has been extended several times by action of the City Council. The current ordinance will expire on May 30, 2021.

Staff recommends extending the current emergency ordinance allowing businesses to continue to operate outdoors while the public health emergency is still on-going and limitations on indoor operations are still in place. Any business interested in moving its operations outdoors would require permission from the property manager/landlord and would be subject to State, County, industry and local guidelines. The emergency ordinance will be in effect for 90 days and will expire August 25, 2021 on unless extended beyond that time frame by further action of the Council.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no anticipated budget impact for the emergency ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(e), adoption of this ordinance is categorically exempt from CEQA, because it results in a minor, temporary alteration in the use of land which will have no permanent effect on the environment.

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Proposed Emergency Ordinance

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