

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23558 EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EVICTION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS DURING THE DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY TO JUNE 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code § 8550, *et seq.*) empowers the City Council of the City of Riverside to declare a Local Emergency when there exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the City of Riverside (“City”) which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency due to the threat of the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services of the City, proclaimed a Local Emergency and said proclamation was ratified by the City Council on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the COVID-19 crisis, with all of the closing of many businesses around the City, County and State due to the various orders of the City, County Public Health Officer and the Governor, many sectors of our local economy have been affected, especially the low-income rental tenants and the small business owners; and

WHEREAS, with the closing of business and the reduction in staff in many others, many low-income renters have either lost their jobs or are working less hours, thereby either completely eliminating or reducing their wages; and

WHEREAS, even for those individuals that are still working, there is also a reduction in hours worked in order to provide childcare for the school-aged children now at home; and

WHEREAS, many of these individuals are already living paycheck to paycheck and with the loss of income, impact’s their ability to pay monthly rent, thereby leaving them vulnerable to eviction and subsequently possible homelessness; and

WHEREAS, commercial tenants face the same issue in that social distancing and other orders have effectively eliminated revenue flow for many businesses, forcing them to make the decision of paying payroll or paying monthly rent; and

1 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-28-20,
2 authorizing local governments to exercise their police powers to adopt limitations on residential and
3 commercial evictions, including the adoption of a temporary moratorium; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-37-20
5 establishing a moratorium on residential evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19 until
6 May 31, 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 23558
8 establishing a temporary moratorium for non-payment evictions due to COVID-19 for both
9 residential and commercial tenants for 60 days and providing six (6) months for those tenants to pay
10 their back rent; and

11 WHEREAS, Executive Order N-37-20 and Resolution No. 23558 are set to expire on May
12 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended; and

13 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Resolution No. 23558 to extend the
14 temporary eviction moratorium should Governor Newsom extend Executive Order N-37-20.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Riverside hereby declares and orders as
16 follows:

17 Section 1. Subject to Section 3 below, Resolution No. 23558 is hereby amended and
18 extended by an additional thirty (30) days up to and including June 30, 2020.

19 Section 2. With the adoption of this Resolution, all provisions and requirements
20 contained in Resolution No. 23558 are still applicable with this extension, including the tenant's
21 requirement to pay back rent, except that the time period for the payback of the rent is extended to
22 December 31, 2020.

23 3. This Resolution shall go into effect on June 1, 2020, but only if Governor Newsom
24 extends Executive Order N-37-20. If the Governor extends Executive Order N-37-20, then this
25 Resolution will expire on June 30, 2020. If the Governor does not extend Executive Order N-37-20,
26 this Resolution and Resolution No. 23558 shall expire on June 1, 2020, and be of no further force
27 and effect.
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1 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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Mayor of the City of Riverside

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Attest:

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City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

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Ayes:

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Noes:

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Absent:

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Abstain:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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