

**CITY OF RIVERSIDE**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
**EXPIRATION OF TEMPORARY FLEX SPACE PERMIT PROGRAM**  
**AND EXTENSION OF THE ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT GRACE**  
**PERIOD**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the California Governor Gavin Newsom (“Governor”) declared a State of Emergency due to the threat of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), which orders in part that “all residents are to heed the advice of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety”; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on the imminent threat to public health from COVID-19 in Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the County of Riverside proclaimed a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-25-20 which orders in part that “[a]ll residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

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 exists 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

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1 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services of the City,  
2 proclaimed a Local Emergency and said proclamation was ratified by the City Council on March  
3 17, 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, Government Code section 8634 empowers the City, during a Local  
5 Emergency, to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life  
6 and property; and

7 WHEREAS, Riverside Municipal Code section 9.20.050 empowers the Director of  
8 Emergency Services, during a Local Emergency to among other things, make and issue rules and  
9 regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such  
10 emergency; and

11 WHEREAS, due to the need to continue to protect the public against COVID-19, but also  
12 working with the local businesses during these times, the City of Riverside identified the need for  
13 flexible, creative and innovative approaches to assist local restaurants, retail, gyms and fitness  
14 centers, places of worship, offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors, personal care services  
15 (including nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors), hair salons and barbershops, and malls;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in order to meet the needs as described above, on May 26, 2020, the Director  
18 of Emergency Services issued the initial Order regarding Temporary Outdoor Flex Space, which  
19 Order has had several amendments due to the ever changing times and circumstances, the last time  
20 being May 11, 2021, (the original Temporary Outdoor Flex Space Order and the several  
21 amendments will be referred to collectively as “Temporary Outdoor Flex Space Orders”); and

22 WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor Flex Space Orders have all been ratified by the  
23 City Council; and

24 WHEREAS, to allow for the smooth transition away from the emergency, and to allow for  
25 the City to evaluate the need for a permanent Flex Space Permit program, the current Flex Space  
26 Program needs to be extended for 30 days following the termination of the Local  
27 Emergency; and  
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1 WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued an order  
2 extending the time frame for the issuance of Entertainment Permits until October 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the Governor will initiate the Beyond the Blueprint for  
4 Industry and Business Sectors to fully reopen the California economy including indoor  
5 operations; and

6 WHEREAS, with the opening of businesses, restaurants, bars and nightclubs,  
7 entertainment activities will be occurring; and

8 WHEREAS, to allow for businesses to comply with the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter  
9 5.80 regarding Entertainment Permits, there needs to be an additional 120-day grace period in  
10 which businesses have to apply for the Entertainment Permit; and

11 WHEREAS, all businesses must continue to adhere to any public safety and physical  
12 distancing requirements established by the Federal, State and/or County.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Director  
14 of Emergency Services of the City of Riverside that: 1) Any existing Temporary Outdoor  
15 Flex Space Permit, as approved, shall be extended for 30 days following the termination of the  
16 Local Emergency Order by City Council, at which time all outdoor operations shall  
17 be removed unless otherwise extended or earlier terminated by City Council; and  
18 2) Businesses shall have 120 days as of the date of this Resolution in which to apply  
19 for an Entertainment Permit, without any cost and at the end of the 120-day period,  
20 any Entertainment Permit application will pay the fees established by Council.

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26 Dated: June 2, 2021



Director of Emergency Services  
City of Riverside