

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION
4 FOR THE OUTDOOR FLEX SPACE PERMIT PROGRAM AND
ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION
OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY.

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

10 WHEREAS, the City, pursuant to the police powers delegated to it by the Constitution of the
11 State of California, has the authority to enact laws which promote the public health, safety and
12 general welfare of its residents; and

13 WHEREAS, in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 9.20.260, The City Council is
14 empowered to enact ordinances, resolutions or rules to prevent against, mitigate, and prepare for aid
15 in the response or recovery to all such foreseeable or unforeseeable emergencies and disasters.
16 During a local emergency the City Council may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to
17 provide for the protection of life and property, such orders and regulations and amendments and
18 rescissions thereof shall be in writing and shall be given widespread publicity and notice; and

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

21 WHEREAS, March 8th, 2020, Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a local
22 health emergency due to the imminent threat to public health from COVID-19; and

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

24 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services of the City, proclaimed
25 a Local Emergency and said proclamation was ratified by the City Council on March 17, 2020
26 (“Local Emergency”); and

27 WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services enacted an order
28 establishing an outdoor flex space permit program (“Flex Space Program”); and

1 WHEREAS, the Flex Space Program has been amended several times during the COVID-19
2 pandemic; and

3 WHEREAS, the Flex Space Program is set to expire upon the termination of Local
4 Emergency; and

5 WHEREAS, to allow for the smooth transition away from the emergency, and to allow for
6 the City to evaluate the need for a permanent Flex Space Permit program, the current Flex Space
7 Program needs to be extended for 30 days following the termination of the Local Emergency; and

8 WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020 the Director of Emergency Services issued an order extending
9 the time frame for the issuance of Entertainment Permits until October 2020; and

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

12 WHEREAS, to allow for businesses to comply with the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter
13 5.80 regarding Entertainment Permits, there needs to be an additional 120-day grace period in which
14 businesses have to apply for the Entertainment Permit.

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

17 Section 1: The Director of Emergency Services order dated June 2, 2021, extending the
18 Flex Permit Program for 30 days following the termination of the Local Emergency is hereby
19 adopted.

20 Section 2: Businesses shall have 120 days as of the date of this Resolution in which to
21 apply for an Entertainment Permit, without any cost. At the end of the 120-day period, any
22 Entertainment Permit application will pay the fees established by Council.

23 Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective on the date of adoption.

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1 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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Patricia Lock Dawson
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, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at
its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2021, 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 _____, 2021.

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Donesia Gause
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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