

PUBLIC ORDER NO. 2021-02

**PUBLIC ORDER NO. 2021-02 OF THE CITY MANAGER
UNDER CITY OF TORRANCE'S EMERGENCY
AUTHORITY RELATED TO COVID-19 LAND USE
ENTITLEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8634 empowers the City Council and delegated officials to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for protection of life or property during a local emergency; and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has specifically delegated this authority to the City Manager as Director of Emergency Services in Chapter 6 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code. Further, the City Council confirmed this delegation of authority by Resolution on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference the March 12, 2020 Proclamation by the City Manager that declared a local emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, which Proclamation and Order was ratified by the City Council on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance would like to extend the expiration date of land use entitlements issued to temporary outdoor operations issued due to Covid-19 restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance would like the ability to deem entitlements and administrative approvals not to have been considered to have terminated or expired by cessation of such use during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance would like to extend the expiration date of approvals for temporary COVID-19 testing sites.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Entitlements and administrative approvals not to have been considered to have terminated or expired by cessation of such use during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic beginning on March 12, 2020 when the City Manager proclaimed a Local Emergency, and may be reviewed by the Community Development Director for consistency and compliance with original entitlement conditions until January 22, 2022. This date may be extended upon further review and approval by the Torrance City Council.
2. Approvals for temporary outdoor dining, business and religious operation permits issued after March 12, 2020 shall be extended to January 22, 2022. This date may be extended upon further review and approval by the Torrance City Council.

3. Approvals for temporary COVID-19 testing sites issued after March 12, 2020 shall be extended to September 22, 2021. This date may be extended upon further review and approval by the Torrance City Council.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Order is effective immediately shall apply Citywide until rescinded by the City Council or City Manager.

DATE: July 6, 2021


Aram Chaparyan
City Manager and Director
of Emergency Services

TIME: 5:21 PM