

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Confirmation of Emergency Order 2020-006, by the Director of Emergency Services, Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Temporary Allowance of Outdoor Business Activities (COVID-19)

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation:

Confirm Emergency Order 2020-006 (dated September 10, 2020), establishing rules and regulations for the temporary allowance of outdoor business operations for specific commercial uses to protect life and property as affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-City Manager Order 2020-006 - Outdoor Business Activities

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: On September 10, 2020, the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services during the COVID-19 pandemic, issued Emergency Order 2020-006 to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 emergency on local athletic clubs/fitness studios, commercial services, and retail stores. The City Manager issued rules and regulations to temporarily allow the use of private parking lots for business activities including product shelving, exercise equipment, and specific tools necessary in the trade to provide service to the customer consistent with zoning and County health. This action includes a revised encroachment permit to allow the same business activities within approved areas of the public right-of-way.

Policy Considerations: Sacramento City Code section 2.116.060.A. provides for the declaration of a local emergency. On March 13, 2020, the City approved a resolution declaring a local emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19. Section 2.116.060 also authorizes the City Manager, as

Director of Emergency Services, to make and issue rules and regulations on matters related to a local emergency. Those rules and regulations must then be confirmed by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

Economic Impacts: Reviewing the declaration of a local emergency and taking measures to assist businesses to re-open responsibly helps small businesses survive and aids in the overall economic recovery.

Environmental Considerations: This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is a specific action necessary to mitigate an emergency [CEQA Guidelines section 15269(c)].

Sustainability: None

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: Allowing outdoor services for businesses in private parking lots and within approved areas of the public right-of-way facilitates social distancing required by the County's Public Health Order while allowing businesses to reopen in a responsible manner.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.