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**CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2**

**TITLE:** TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL SHORT-TERM LODGING FACILITY RENTALS.

**ISSUER:** Director of Emergency Services

**ISSUED:** April 1, 2020

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediate

**DURATION:** April 30, 2020 unless extended.

**AUTHORITY:** Resolution No. 2020-06 (03/16/2020); CCMC §2.20.060; CCMC § 3.24.011(F)(1); Gov. Code § 8610, 6834, 41601; Health & Safety Code § 101029.

**The Director of Emergency Services hereby ORDERS the following:**

1. **DEFINITION.** As used in this Emergency Order, the term "Short-Term Lodging Facility" or "Short-Term Lodging Facilities" shall include short-term rentals, vacation rentals, timeshares, hotels, motels, "vacation rental units" as defined in CCMC § 3.24.011(B), and any other similar short-term lodging for rent, lease, hiring or letting in any way.
2. **ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER.** On March 30, 2020 the Health Officer for the County of Riverside issued an Amended Order clarifying the Governor's "Stay-at-Home" Order as related to Short Term Lodging Facilities prohibiting the rental or leasing of Short-Term Lodging Facilities within the County of Riverside, including the City of Cathedral City, except for the limited purposes specified in the Amended Order a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Attachment "A" ("County Health Order").
3. **SUSPENSION OF ALL SHORT-TERM LODGING FACILITY RENTALS.** Effective immediately, the use, occupancy, rental, lease, hiring or otherwise letting of any Short-Term Lodging Facility is hereby suspended, unless exempted under Section 5 of this Order.
4. **SUSPENSION OF MARKETING SHORT-TERM LODGING FACILITIES.** Effective immediately, no homeowner, agent of the homeowner, marketing agent, listing agent, or real estate agent shall engage in efforts to rent, lease, hire, or otherwise let, any Short-Term Lodging Facility within the City of Cathedral City except for the limited purposes set out in Section 6 of this Order.



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5. EXCEPTIONS TO SUSPENSION. Those Short-Term Lodging Facilities used solely for the purposes set forth below are exempt from this Order, provided the documentation required under this Section 5 is timely provided to the City:
- (a) Temporary lodging to protect the homeless pursuant to COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures;
  - (b) Temporary lodging for persons who have been displaced and cannot return to their residence because there is a person residing at the residence that must isolate or quarantine or is at a higher risk of severe illness;
  - (c) Temporary lodging for persons who need to isolate or quarantine.
  - (d) Temporary lodging for essential workers performing functions that are essential to maintain the continuity of operations for critical infrastructure as identified in the Guidance memo issued by the Health Officer for the County of Riverside.

Owners claiming an exemption from the Order under this Section 5 shall provide to the Director of Emergency Services prior to renting or leasing the Short-Term Lodging Facility, documentation demonstrating to the reasonable satisfaction of the Director that the premises are in fact only being used for one or more of the above exempted uses, and the owner shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury to that effect. Documentation shall include each occupant's name, phone number, a copy of each occupant's driver's license (accompanied minors excluded), a copy of the rental or lease agreement, and such other documentation determined to be reasonably appropriate by the Director for each exemption.

Those Short-Term Facilities currently housing individuals who do not fall within one of the exemptions enumerated above must suspend those occupancies at the end of the existing term, or within three (3) calendar days of the effective date of this Order, or whichever is sooner.

Those Short-Term Facilities currently housing individuals who do fall within one of the exemptions enumerated above must comply with the documentation requirement within three (3) calendar days of the effective date of this Order



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6. **DURATION OF ORDER.** This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2020 unless extended by the City's Director of Emergency Services or the County Health Officer extends the County Health Order or issues a new or amended order that supersedes the County Health Order. The City reserves the right to rescind or modify this Order at any time.
7. **ENFORCEMENT.** Section 10 of the County Health Order requests that local Chiefs of Police ensure compliance with, and the enforcement of, the County Health Order. Pursuant thereto, and in accordance with Gov. Code § 41601 and Health & Safety Code §101029, the Chief of Police and the Code Compliance Manager, and their designees, are hereby authorized to enforce this Order. To the maximum extent allowable under state law, any person who violates this order shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per violation per day, immediate suspension or revocation of, the permit or license issued by the City for such use. Use of a premises as a Short-Term Lodging Facility without an appropriately issued City permit pursuant to CCMC § 3.24.011 is subject to a fine of \$5,000 per day. Furthermore, any violation of this Order may be determined to be a misdemeanor and punishable by the aforementioned fine or imprisonment of not more than 90 days, or both in accordance with California law including Health & Safety Code § 120295, and the Cathedral City Municipal Code.
8. **AUTHORITY FOR ORDER.** This Order is issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of the coronavirus and COVID-19 which is a highly contagious and infectious and communicable disease. The findings and recitals set forth in the declarations of emergency by the federal, state, and county governments and Cathedral City Resolution No. 2020-06, as well as those set forth in the various orders and guidance statements issued by the Health Official of the County of Riverside related to the coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic are hereby incorporated herein by reference. This Order is issued pursuant to Code Resolution No. 2020-06 (03/16/2020); CCMC §2.20.060; CCMC § 3.24.011(F)(1); Gov. Code § 8610, 8634, and 41601; Health & Safety Code § 101029 and any federal or state law or regulation recited in the aforementioned declarations and orders.

ISSUED on this 1st day of April, 2020

BY:

Charles McClendon

City Manager / Director of Emergency Services