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CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2C

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

ISSUER: Director of Emergency Services

ISSUED: May 13, 2020

EFFECTIVE: Immediate

DURATION: June 19, 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 (“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, which provides lodging or accommodation to a person or persons for a time period of **sixty (60) days** or less.
2. **CONTINUING NEW CASES OF COVID-19 IN CATHEDRAL CITY.** On March 16, 2020 the City Council of Cathedral City adopted Resolution No. 2020-06 proclaiming the existence of an emergency situation and local emergency due to the worldwide spread of COVID-19. Information on daily new cases identified in Cathedral City confirms the continuing spread of COVID-19 in Cathedral City. The use of short-term lodging facilities violates the Governor’s stay at home order as it: (1) encourages an influx of persons into the City, thus increasing the potential for spread of the illness; and (2) is likely to impair efforts to mitigate the spread of the illness both within the City and statewide.
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, or unless occupancy is by the owner and/or his or her household members.



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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 5 of this Order.
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 Section 6 is timely provided to the City:
 - (a) Temporary lodging or accommodation to protect the homeless pursuant to COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures;
 - (b) Temporary lodging or accommodation 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 or accommodation for persons who need to isolate or quarantine.
 - (d) Temporary lodging or accommodation for essential workers performing functions that are essential to maintain the continuity of operations for critical infrastructure.
6. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.** 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 to provide short term lodging or accommodation for one or more of the above exempted uses, and the owner shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury to that affect. 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.



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Those Short-Term Lodging Facilities currently providing lodging or accommodation to persons 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.

7. APPLICATION TO GUESTS CURRENTLY ON-SITE. Bookings should only exist that fall into one or more of the exempt categories listed in Section 5 of this Order.
8. DURATION OF ORDER. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until June 19, 2020 unless extended by the City's Director of Emergency Services. The City reserves the right to rescind or modify this Order at any time.
9. ENFORCEMENT. 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.
10. 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 declarations of emergency by the State of California, County of Riverside, and the Federal government, and any order issued by an agency, department, bureau, division or instrumentality thereof, 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 Resolution No. 2020-06 (03/16/2020); CCMC §2.20.060; CCMC § 3.24.011(F)(1); Gov. Code § 8610, 8634, and 41601; Health

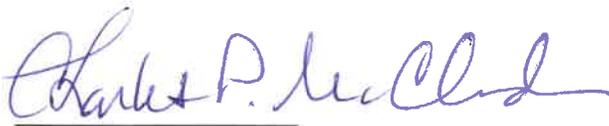


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& Safety Code § 101029 and any federal or state law or regulation recited in the
aforementioned declarations and orders.

ISSUED on this 13th day of May, 2020

BY: 
Charles McClendon
City Manager / Director of Emergency Services

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