

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the public health and economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and further appreciates the need to facilitate temporary Zoning Code relief to support the local economy and livelihood of those living and working in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been in a declared local emergency initially issued on March 4, 2020 in response to the threat and risks posed by Covid-19 pandemic, and has subsequently amended and affirmed that declaration which is currently ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City further recognizes that uncertainty surrounding the current local emergency, a result of the pandemic, and the risk of subsequent local emergencies to unduly impact the local economy and employment necessitates temporary regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, during the current pandemic and local emergency the City has undertaken extraordinary measures to support residents, tenants, business owners, and property owners Citywide; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to activate the concurrent proposed provisions within the Municipal Code, Section 16.02.1, that allow for regulatory relief from specific time limitations for approvals and certain automobile parking requirements in said Code, and must affirmatively activate them by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends for the relief to provide needed flexibility for businesses and projects by extending time limits for approvals, and provide targeted automobile parking relief for existing buildings and operators that are underpinned by a desire to provide cost savings to local proprietors while furthering the environmental and mobility goals of the General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has undertaken an environmental review of the proposed provisions and found that will not have a significant effect on the environment (ENV-2020-4927-ND), and further found that aspects of the proposed regulatory relief are exempt from environmental review (ENV-2021-325-CE-SE); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council hereby activates the provisions of Section 16.02.1 of the Municipal Code, *'Relief from Specified Land Use Provisions'*, to provide temporary regulatory relief from certain time limitations and automobile parking provisions during and for a period of 12 months after the current declared local emergency, as provided by that section.