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City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: **August 10, 2021**
Originating Department: **City Manager's Office**

Interim City Manager: Chris Jeffers Interim City Manager: Chris Jeffers

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC

PURPOSE: To extend the Local Emergency due to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ANALYSIS: On June 22, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-28-CC, extending the Local Emergency within the City because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. It is time once again for the City Council to review the need to continue the state of emergency. Although Governor Gavin Newsom lifted the Stay-at-Home Order on June 15, 2021, to allow California to completely reopen, the State of California has left in place their State of Emergency order until at least September 1, 2021. As the "Delta" Variant (Delta is the name for the B.1.617.2. variant, a SARS-CoV-2 mutation that originally surfaced in India) continues to rise among unvaccinated individuals causing revisions to both County and CDC recommendations concerning safety protocols.

Interim Director of Emergency Services recommends continuing the Local Emergency until the State of California rescinds their guiding emergency declarations or they expire under the terms the Governor has previously stated. The City Council may terminate the Local Emergency at any time, however, the City would continue to be subject to the State's declarations where applicable.

BACKGROUND: On June 11, 2021, with nearly 40 million vaccines administered and among the lowest COVID-19 case rates in the nation, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the Stay-at-Home Order would be lifted on June 15, 2021, to allow California to reopen. Effective June 15, 2021, the face covering mandate (unless unvaccinated or immunocompromised persons), required physical distancing restrictions, capacity limits and the county color-coded tier system ended.

In South Gate, the percent of 16+ year old residents shows that approximately 67.4% have received at least their first vaccination shot, compared to a Los Angeles County average of 70.7% and the percent of 65+ year old residents shows that 96.1% have received at least their first vaccination shot, compared to a County average of 88.8%.

City staff continues to be in contact with the CDC and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for updates on the spread of the COVID-19 virus and the Delta Variant. We will continue to update the City's website providing essential COVID-19 information and hyperlinks to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, CDC, and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders. City updates and information regarding the drive-thru COVID-19 testing site at South Gate Park, as well as, many other resources are readily accessible on the homepage of the City's website titled, "COVID-19 Information" under "Featured Links."

Additionally, we will continue to monitor Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders and any related orders issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and will modify our policies and procedures accordingly.

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE,
CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY
AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, Los Angeles County followed the State of California guidelines and allowed businesses and outdoor events to fully operate with the requirement that individuals fully vaccinated could choose to wear a face covering and unvaccinated individuals would be required to still wear a face covering;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-28-CC, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) Pandemic, and Resolution No. 2020-07-CC first declared the Local Emergency on March 24, 2020, which has been extended continuously since then;

WHEREAS, effective June 15, 2021, the face covering mandate (unless unvaccinated or immunocompromised persons), physical distancing restrictions, capacity limits and the county color-coded tier system ended;

WHEREAS, in South Gate 67 % of 16+ year old residents have received at least their first vaccination shot, compared to a Los Angeles County average of 70.7% and 96% of 65+ year old residents have received at least their first vaccination shot, compared to a county average of 88.5%; and

WHEREAS, until the State of California rescinds its guiding emergency declarations, or they expire, it remains in the interest of public health and safety to continue with the Local Emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby declare that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. After duly considering all the information presented by the Interim Director of Emergency Services/Interim City Manager, the City Council does hereby continue to find and resolve that there is still a need to extend the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

SECTION 3. The City Council does hereby declare and reaffirm:

1. A Local Emergency continues to exist throughout the City.
2. During the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances and resolutions of the City, as approved by the City Council.
3. During the existence of said Local Emergency, the City shall follow and impose all directives, mandates, executive orders, and any other emergency-related restrictions issued by the State of California and/or the County of Los Angeles, including all social distancing recommendations.
4. Should he deem it necessary, the Director of Emergency Services is authorized to direct the immediate closure of City facilities (including City Hall) during normal business hours.
5. The Director of Emergency Services' purchasing authority limitation lifted to authorize the spending of all funds during the effective term of this emergency to meet the needs of addressing the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The Director of Emergency Services shall cause a report on expenditures to be submitted to the City Council within 10 business days after the end of each month.
6. The normal City goods and service procurement requests and purchase practices, including bidding requirements, are stayed during this period of emergency.
7. Purchases of items that are not budgeted are authorized to be purchased to respond during this period of emergency.
8. All City officers and employees are authorized to take steps requested by the Director of Emergency Services to qualify for reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other state and federal relief programs for expenses incurred by the City in addressing this emergency.
9. Other actions deemed necessary by the Director of Emergency Services to reasonably respond to the emergency and to effectively serve the community within the City.
10. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of South Gate, or the State of California ceases their declaration of emergency relating to COVID-19, whichever is sooner.

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11. City staff will continue to monitor Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders, and any related orders issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, and will modify the City's policies and procedures accordingly, and
12. This Resolution shall terminate on its own accord upon the expiration of the Governor's State of Emergency Order, or as may be determine by the City Council, whichever occurs first. As required by law, the City Council shall review the need to continue the State of Emergency mandate every sixty (60) days, at a minimum, until this Resolution is terminated.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of August 2021.

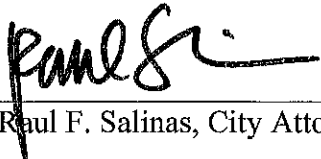
CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

By: _____
Al Rios, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: _____
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:  _____
Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney