

ORDINANCE NO. 20-4

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-3 TO EXTEND THE EVICTION MORATORIUM PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 30 AND ALLOW FOR A 9-MONTH RENT PAYBACK PERIOD

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency within the State of California ("State") due to the threat posed by Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to the introduction of COVID-19 cases to Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board") concurred and issued a Proclamation ("Proclamation") declaring a local emergency within the County of Los Angeles regarding the imminent spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order that authorizes local governments to halt evictions for renters, encourages financial institutions to slow foreclosures, and protects renters and homeowners against utility shutoffs for Californians affected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order that requires all persons to remain at home to the extent possible and requires all non-essential businesses to be closed; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Kathryn Barger, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors issued an Executive Order prohibiting residential and commercial evictions in the unincorporated portions of the County under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Santa Clarita City Council adopted an urgency ordinance establishing an eviction moratorium mirroring that issued by the County of Los Angeles to provide the same level of protection afforded tenants in the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, and again on May 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County revised the County eviction moratorium, including provisions clarifying that the protections afforded commercial tenants applies to small businesses, and strengthened the protections, allowing a 12-month repayment period for rent not paid during the moratorium period; and

WHEREAS, the April 14, 2020, County moratorium applies to cities within the County that do not have their own moratorium in effect; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public health emergency and the precautions recommended

by health authorities, many residential and commercial tenants in the City have experienced or expect to experience sudden and unexpected income loss soon; and

WHEREAS, further economic impacts are anticipated, leaving residential and commercial tenants potentially unable to pay rent and vulnerable to eviction; and

WHEREAS, during this local emergency, and in the interest of protecting the public health and preventing transmission of COVID-19, it is essential to avoid unnecessary housing displacement, and prevent housed individuals from falling into homelessness as well as facilitate the rapid return to business and generation of tax revenues and provision of retail services to the Santa Clarita community by commercial tenants.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 20-3 is hereby amended to extend the eviction moratorium period through June 30, 2020, and to allow for a 9-month rent payback period for any rent not paid during the moratorium period.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published by title and summary in the manner required by law.

SECTION 3. For the reasons set forth above in the recitals, this Ordinance is an urgency ordinance and shall take effect immediately upon adoption by a 4/5 vote of the City Council, due to the immediate need to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May 2020.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

6/8/20

DATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA)

I, Mary Cusick, City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita, do hereby certify that the foregoing Urgency Ordinance No. 20-4 was duly introduced and adopted at the special meeting of the City Council on the 26th day of May 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: McLean, Miranda, Kellar, Weste, Smyth

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

AND I FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing is the original of Ordinance No. 20-4 and was published in The Signal newspaper in accordance with State Law (G.C. 40806).



CITY CLERK

