

ORDINANCE NO. 20-___

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-3 TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON EVICTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RENT PAYBACK PROVISIONS

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, 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 to provide protection to residential and commercial tenants impacted by COVID-19 between March 4 and May 31. The City Council extended that moratorium through June 30 via Ordinance No. 20-4; 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 and continue to experience sudden and unexpected income loss; 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 DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 20-3 is hereby amended to extend the eviction moratorium period so that it is in place from March 4 through August 31, 2020.

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 14th day of July 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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 20-__ was duly introduced and adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 14th day of July 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

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

CITY CLERK

Attachment: Urgency Ordinance (Extension of Eviction Urgency Ordinance)