Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority

Issue Date: February 11, 2021

Subject: Use of Temporary Acute Care Facilities During COVID-19 Emergency

To aid hospitals in their need to surge capacity during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Los Angeles under the provisions of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Chapter 3, Section 8.29 to promulgate, issue, and enforce emergency rules, regulations, orders, and directives, I hereby declare the following order to be necessary for the protection of life and property and I hereby order, effective immediately, until the expiration of the City’s declared emergency, that:

1. This Order shall only apply to the construction and emergency installations performed by the Army Corps of Engineers and their designated contractors.

2. The construction, emergency installation, use, and operation of temporary acute care facilities shall be exempt for the duration of this order from any applicable permitting requirements and zoning standards that would otherwise be required pursuant to Chapter I (General Provisions and Zoning); Chapter IX (Building Regulations); and Chapter V, Article 7 (Fire Code) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). The Fire Department and Department of Building and Safety shall be consulted on the design, installation, and operation of the facility to ensure that acceptable fire and life safety standards are achieved.

3. Such facilities shall also be exempt from LAMC 64.72 of Chapter VI (Public Works and Property) of the LAMC. The Director of Sanitation shall ensure that all Sewer Capacity Availability Requests (SCAR) and reviews are completed within seven calendar days of being submitted to the Bureau of Sanitation. The Director of Sanitation shall ensure that service for solid waste and recycling is coordinated.
during construction of the facility and service begins immediately upon opening of the shelter (as needed).

4. Construction activities for such facilities shall also be exempt from LAMC 41.40 of Chapter IV (Public Welfare) in order to expedite installation to the extent feasible.

5. All City departments with permitting requirements shall fast-track their review to allow the construction, emergency installation, use and operation of such facilities to proceed with urgency.

6. The City finds that such action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4).

Eric Garcetti, MAYOR

Dated: February 11, 2021 at Los Angeles, California
Time: 3:30 p.m.

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