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MAYOR

## **Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority**

Issue Date: March 21, 2020

**Subject:** Tolling of Deadlines Prescribed in the Municipal Code

To further aid in our efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, by virtue of 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 April 19, 2020, that:

All deadlines prescribed in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including but not limited to provisions in community, specific, or other similar plans, pertaining to public hearings and decisions made by legislative bodies, zoning administrators, the Director of Planning, the General Manager of the Department of Building and Safety, or other City department general managers, including expiration dates for utilization of existing approvals, shall be tolled and suspended until further notice. This order shall apply, without limitation, to the following non-exhaustive list of circumstances:

- 1. Expiration of Building and Other Related Permits and Plan Check Applications.** During the effective period of this order, toll all local municipal code provisions regarding expiration of permits, plan check, and slight modifications or alternatives, including LAMC Sections 98.0602, 98.0603, and 98.0604 as well as LAMC 12.26 A.3(a).
- 2. Time to Act on Entitlement Applications.** During the effective period of this order, toll all Zoning Code provisions regarding the Time to Act on filed applications. These actions shall be implemented consistent with State law and/or any directive issued by the Governor.
- 3. Time Period for Effectuation & Utilization of Entitlements.** Toll and extend time limits by 6 months for effectuation and utilization of all entitlements already approved and still valid, or approved during the effective period of this order.

4. **Time Limits in the Cultural Heritage Ordinance.** Toll all time limits included within the Cultural Heritage Ordinance (Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.171 et. seq.).

Local decision-makers, including the Director of Planning and Zoning Administrator, are hereby authorized to hold public hearings prescribed by the Los Angeles Municipal Code in a manner consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, and any subsequent orders or published guidance, pertaining to local legislative bodies.

Nothing in this Order prohibits the applicable City Departments from continuing to process applications in a reasonable and timely manner.

This order may be extended prior to April 19, 2020.