

## PUBLIC ORDER UNDER CITY OF SAN FERNANDO EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

(SWAP MEET – ADDED OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS)

Issue Date: August 3, 2020

On March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of San Fernando ("City") declared a Local Emergency pursuant to San Fernando Municipal Code Chapter 26 Section 2 in response to the public threat caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Such declaration grants specific duties to the officers and employees of the City as set forth in Chapter 26 Section 63. Since that time several additional measures have been taken by the State of California and the City of San Fernando to protect the public from an undue risk of contracting COVID-19.

On March 21, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (the "Health Department") first issued the "Safer at Home Order for the Control of COVID-19" (the "Safer at Home Order") and has issued a succession of updated iterations to the same since with the most recent iteration of the Safe at Home Order being issued on July 18, 2020. The term "Safer at Home Order" means the most current iteration of the aforementioned order of the Health Department, inclusive of any related guidance material relating to the same.

By virtue of authority vested in me as the Director of Emergency Services, pursuant to the provisions of the San Fernando Municipal Code Chapter 26 Section 63(a)(6)(a) to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency", I hereby declare the following orders to be necessary for the protection of life and property and hereby order:

- The swap meet located at 585 Glenoaks Boulevard in the City of San Fernando and commonly referred to as San Fernando Swap Meet (the "Swap Meet") is subject to the County of Los Angeles Protocols for Shopping Centers: Appendix E of the Safer at Home Order.
- 2. In addition to the Protocols for Shopping Centers, the Swap Meet is hereby required to adhere to the following added operational conditions above and beyond those set forth in the Safe at Home Order as of the date of this order of the City:
  - a. In addition to the informational signage called for under the Safer at Home Order, Swap Meet operations shall post additional informational signage notifying Swap Meet patrons and vendors of applicable social distancing protocols, proper way to wear a mask, and location of handwashing/sanitation stations. The additional signage

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shall be posted conspicuously at the entrance and exit of each row of booths that are being used by vendors for the purpose of selling goods on any given day.

- b. Swap Meet operators shall provide additional handwashing stations at each entrance to the Swap Meet, at the exterior of each restroom facility, and another 4 (1 per 100,000 square feet of retail space) handwashing stations distributed throughout the grounds of the Swap Meet during business hours.
- c. Swap Meet operators will limit people capacity to a maximum of 50% of the persons capacity authorized by the Fire Marshall at any given time during business hours ("persons" includes customers, vendors, and staff). The Swap Meet operators shall also limit the number of vendors allowed to operate at the Swap Meet at any given time to 50% of the total number of vendor stalls available to vendors.
- 3. Although the Safer at Home Order permitted the resumption of swap meet operations in the County of Los Angeles effective as of May 26, 2020 subject to conditions and guidance stated in the Safer at Home Order, I hereby find that circumstances and factors specific to the Swap Meet's operations in San Fernando warrant more stringent regulation than what is called for under the Safer at Home Order. It is also observed that the Safer at Home Order by its own terms authorizes cities to implement more stringent regulations than those called for under the Safer at Home Order. The specific circumstances and factors that warrant the closure of the Swap Meet are as follows:
  - a. The Swap Meet is not considered an "Essential Business" under the State and County of Los Angeles Health Orders.
  - b. The Swap Meet provides the potential for a large gathering of people that may further community spread of COVID-19.
  - c. As of July 29, 2020, the City of San Fernando has a high concentration of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths.
    - i. 594 confirmed cases; equal to 2,413 per 100,000 residents (65<sup>th</sup> of 88 incorporated cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County).
    - ii. 14 confirmed deaths; equal to 57 per 100,000 residents (69<sup>th</sup> of 88 incorporated cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County).

Any violation of this order shall be enforced by Section 1-10 of the San Fernando Municipal Code which allows a maximum fine of \$1,000 or a maximum of six months imprisonment. Each infidel

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officer should use their discretion in enforcing this order and always keep the intent of the order in mind.

This order shall be effective at 11:59 p.m. on August 3, 2020 and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on August 20, 2020.

This order may be extended or rescinded by the Director of Emergency Services, in writing, prior to August 20, 2020.

Date: <u>August 3, 2020</u>

Nick Kimball, City Manager
Director of Emergency Services

City of San Fernando