CITY OF OXNARD
DIRECTOR ORDER NO. 20-08

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF OXNARD REGARDING EXTENDING THE TERM OF ALL BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS IN REVIEW, BUILDING PERMITS, PLANNING ENTITLEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS REGULATED BY OXNARD CITY CODE CHAPTERS 15, 16 AND 17, AND PLANNING ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF OXNARD

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 6 of the Oxnard City Code empower the City Manager of the City of Oxnard (“City”), acting in the capacity of the Director of Emergency Services (the “Director”), to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of the COVID-19 respiratory disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, in response to the rapidly evolving public health crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Director proclaimed the existence of a local emergency (the “Local Emergency”); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 15304, proclaiming the Local Emergency and ratifying the Director’s March 13, 2020 proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Ventura County Health Officer issued an Order directing persons living in the County of Ventura to stay at their places of residence and restricting non-essential activities in response to COVID-19, imposing stay-at-home directives and further operational restrictions on businesses within the County in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Local Emergency, the City’s Planning Division Counter is closed to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Planning Division has implemented a process for reviewing and issuing various permit applications remotely; and

WHEREAS, with the City’s Planning Division Counter closed to the public, and remote processing taking longer than in person processing, there is a need to extend the time for certain permit applications to be reviewed and issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF OXNARD DOES HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Building Permit Applications and Building Permits

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The term of all building permit applications in review, and building permits issued by the City of Oxnard shall automatically be extended for an additional three-month period. If the Local Emergency is in effect three months from the date of this Order, then the term of all building permits shall be extended for an additional three-month term.

SECTION 2. Planning Entitlement Permit Applications

For all Planning entitlement permit applications regulated by Oxnard City Code Chapters 15, 16 and 17 that are in review and Planning entitlements approved by the City of Oxnard, the time in which such entitlements shall be utilized shall be extended for a six-month period. If the local emergency is in effect three months from the date of this Order, then the time in which such entitlements shall be utilized shall be extended for an additional six-month period.

SECTION 3. Agreements

Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to apply to agreements entered between the City of Oxnard and/or the former Oxnard Community Development Commission with any third party.

SECTION 4. This Order may be modified or rescinded by further Order by the Director or by the City Council.

SECTION 5. This Order shall remain in effect during the period this Local Emergency exists and shall terminate upon City Council's determination that the Local Emergency no longer exists.

SECTION 6. This Order shall become effective immediately.

SECTION 7. This order shall be given publicity and notice as required by Government Code section 8634.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Order and shall cause a certified Order to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Dated: April 14, 2020

By: ___________________________
Alexander Nguyen
City Manager/Director of Emergency Services
City of Oxnard

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney

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