CITY OF BELL GARDENS
Ordinance Summary

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens has adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 907-U on May 11, 2020 during a Regular Council Meeting:

AN UNCODIFIED URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, ENACTING THE CITY’S COMMERCIAL TENANT EVICTION MORATORIUM DUE TO THE NONPAYMENT OF RENT FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS WHERE THE FAILURE TO PAY RENT RESULTS FROM INCOME LOSS RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE: The City adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 907-U to preserve the public peace, health, and safety among the community during times of a public health crisis. It has come to the City’s attention that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the closure of many businesses, which has led to hourly cutbacks and has already resulted in employee terminations. The City took immediate action and adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 904-U on April 9, 2020, enacting a temporary moratorium intended to promote stability and fairness within the commercial rental market in the City of Bell Gardens (the “City”) during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. This Urgency Ordinance No. 907-U shall replace, repeal, and supersede the previous Urgency Ordinance No. 904-U. The extension of this temporary moratorium on evictions for non-payment imposed by this Urgency Ordinance is created pursuant to the City's general police powers to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and exists in addition to any rights and obligations under state and federal law.

Urgency Ordinance No. 907-U is effective immediately on May 11, 2020, and shall terminate on July 31, 2020, unless further extended by action of the City Council through the adoption of an Urgency Ordinance extending this ordinance.

The City Council passed the ordinance for publication with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Aceituno, Barcena; Mayor Pro Tem Flores and Mayor Cortez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

GENERAL INFORMATION: A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available at the office of the City Clerk at 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201 or you can contact the office at 562-806-7705.

Jane Halstead, City Clerk
City of Bell Gardens