



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 8550 et seq., San Francisco Charter Section 3.100(14) and Chapter 7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code empower the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, subject to concurrence by the Board of Supervisors as provided in the Charter, in the case of an emergency threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County or its citizens; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor issued a Proclamation (the “Proclamation”) declaring a local emergency to exist in connection with the imminent spread within the City of a novel (new) coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the Proclamation and in the actions taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist within the State due to the threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the Health Officer declared a local health emergency under Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, and the Board of Supervisors concurred in that declaration on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the City’s Health Officer issued a stay safe at home order, Health Officer Order No. C19-07 (the “Stay Safe At Home Order”), requiring most people to remain in their homes subject to certain exceptions including obtaining essential goods such as food and necessary supplies, and requiring the closure of non-essential businesses; the Health Officer has amended the Stay Safe At Home Order to modify the ongoing restrictions; and

WHEREAS, There have been 6,989 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the City and 61 COVID-19-related deaths in the City; there have been more than 520,000 confirmed cases in California and more than 9,500 COVID-19-related deaths in California; and

WHEREAS, In the Eleventh Supplement to the Proclamation of Local Emergency, issued on April 23, 2020, the Mayor extended deadlines related to business registration



certificates and license fees due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 emergency on local businesses and the uncertainty concerning when normal business and government operations would resume. On May 5, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in these orders. The negative economic impacts of the crisis and the uncertainty concerning when normal operations will resume persist, and extending these deadlines further is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, London N. Breed, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, proclaim that there continues to exist an emergency within the City and County threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County and its citizens;

In addition to the measures outlined in the Proclamation and in the Supplements to the Proclamation issued on various dates, it is further ordered that:

(1) Section 1 of the Eleventh Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation, dated April 23, 2020, is revised and supplemented as follows:

(a) The deadline under Articles 6 and 12 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code for persons who had an existing business registration certificate from the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector on or before April 23, 2020, to apply for renewal of their business registration certificate and pay the business registration fee for the registration year ending June 30, 2021, which was previously extended from June 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020, is further extended to March 1, 2021, and no penalty will be assessed if they file and pay by March 1, 2021. Existing business registration certificates issued under Section 856 of Article 12 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code for the registration year ending June 30, 2020, will continue to be valid through March 1, 2021, for all purposes.

(b) Newly established businesses commencing business in the City on or before June 30, 2020, that did not have a business registration certificate from the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector by April 23, 2020, were still required under the Eleventh Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation to timely apply for a business registration certificate and timely pay the prorated business registration fee for the registration year ending June 30, 2020, as required by Section 856 of Article 12 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, but did not need to pay the business registration fee until September



30, 2020 for the registration year ending June 30, 2021. The September 30, 2020 deadline is further extended to March 1, 2021, and no penalty will be assessed if they pay the fee for the registration year ending June 30, 2021 by March 1, 2021. Persons subject to this paragraph (b) that apply for a business registration certificate and pay the prorated business registration fee, plus any applicable penalties and interest, for the registration year ending June 30, 2020, will, in the sole discretion of the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, either:

(i) be issued a business registration certificate for the registration year ending June 30, 2020, which will continue to be valid through March 1, 2021, for all purposes; or

(ii) not be issued a business registration certificate until they have paid their business registration fee for the registration year ending June 30, 2021, but: (A) all requirements in the San Francisco Municipal Code that such certificate be posted will be waived for such persons for all purposes through March 1, 2021; and (B) such persons will still receive a business account number reflecting their registration with the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, and will not be reflected as being delinquent in the records of the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector until March 2, 2021, on account of not paying their business registration fee for the registration year ending June 30, 2021.

(c) Newly established businesses commencing business in the City on or after July 1, 2020, must still timely apply for a business registration certificate for the registration year ending June 30, 2021, as required by Section 856 of Article 12 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, but their deadline for paying the business registration fee, which was previously extended to September 30, 2020, is further extended to March 1, 2021, and no penalty will be assessed if they pay by March 1, 2021. Newly established businesses commencing business in the City on or after July 1, 2020, will not receive a business registration certificate until they have paid their business registration fee, but: (i) all requirements in the San Francisco Municipal Code that such certificate be posted will be waived for such persons for all purposes through March 1, 2021; and (ii) such persons will still receive a business account number reflecting their registration with the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, and will not be reflected as being delinquent in the records of the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector until March 2, 2021, on account of not paying their business registration fee.



(d) Newly established businesses that did not have a certificate of authority for the collection of third-party taxes under Section 6.6-1 of Article 6 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code by April 23, 2020, will not be permitted to obtain such a certificate of authority until they have paid their business registration fee for the registration year ending June 30, 2021, and will not be permitted to engage in any business that requires them to collect the tax on transient occupancy of hotel rooms in Article 7 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code or the tax on occupancy of parking spaces in parking stations in Article 9 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code without first paying the business registration fee for registration year ending June 30, 2021.

(e) Persons that cease business between July 1, 2020 and March 1, 2021, will still need to pay the business registration fee for registration year ending June 30, 2021 by March 1, 2021, and file any necessary forms to accompany that payment.

(f) The Tax Collector will continue to timely issue business registration certificates to all persons that choose to pay the business registration fee for registration year ending June 30, 2021 prior to March 1, 2021.

(2) Section 2 of the Eleventh Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation, dated April 23, 2020, is revised and replaced as follows:

The due date for license fees otherwise due on March 31, 2020, under Section 76.1 of Article 2 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, previously extended to September 30, 2020, is further extended to March 1, 2021, and the deadline for the Tax Collector to issue notice of such due date previously extended to August 31, 2020, is further extended to February 1, 2021.

DATED: August 4, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "London N. Breed".

London N. Breed
Mayor of San Francisco