

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF MERCED
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Of

WAIVER OF OCCUPANCY OPERATION)
PERMIT FEES FOR QUALIFIED) RESOLUTION NO.
BUSINESSES IN 2021)

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in response to a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and,

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

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the County of Merced Board of Supervisors ratified a local emergency declared on March 13, 2020 pursuant to Government Code §8630, and Merced County Code §2.72.060, due to necessary response efforts to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of California issued a Stay at Home Order on March 19, 2020, to control the spread of COVID-19 throughout the State of California which prohibited large gatherings requiring closure or restrictions on occupancy at many businesses; and,

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, the County of Merced Board of Supervisors declared a local economic emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8558 due to necessary response efforts to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2020, the State of California issued a Regional Stay Home Order adding restrictions in regions with less than 15% ICU bed capacity including the prohibiting of gatherings of any size, closing operations except for critical infrastructure and retail, and requiring 100% masking and physical distancing; and,

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2020, the State of California enacted the Regional Stay Home Order for counties in the defined San Joaquin Valley Region California which prohibits large gatherings requiring closure or restrictions on occupancy at many businesses; and,

WHEREAS, Merced County Code, Chapter 9.24, Section 9.24.055, requires an occupancy operation permit fee for the following businesses: (1) A-1 theaters, viewing halls, etc., (2) A-2 restaurants, churches, drinking establishments, (3) A-3 smaller church facilities, recreation, amusement buildings, and (4) A-4/A-5 indoor/outdoor events; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced County Board of Supervisors desires to waive the occupancy operation permit fees as provided for in Merced County Code, Chapter 9.24,

Section 9.24.055, for the year 2021, for the following businesses: (1) A-1 theaters, viewing halls, etc., (2) A-2 restaurants, churches, drinking establishments, (3) A-3 smaller church facilities, recreation, amusement buildings, and (4) A-4/A-5 indoor/outdoor events;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Merced County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The annual occupancy operation permit fees as provided for in Merced County Code Chapter 9.24, Section 9.24.055, are hereby waived for the year 2021 for the following businesses: (1) A-1 theaters, viewing halls, etc., (2) A-2 restaurants, churches, drinking establishments, (3) A-3 smaller church facilities, recreation, amusement buildings, and (4) A-4/A-5 indoor/outdoor events.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Supervisors, and the Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

I, JAMES L. BROWN, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on this 5th day of January, 2021 by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Board this ____ day of _____, 2021.

JAMES L. BROWN, CLERK

By _____
Deputy