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City Council Approves Emergency Ordinance Extending Permit Applications

San Diego – As San Diego began shutting down in early March due to the coronavirus epidemic, construction projects throughout San Diego were thrown into disarray. This uncertainty risked the cancellation of several important housing projects throughout the region which continues facing a severe housing crisis.

To help with the uncertainty, the City Council today unanimously adopted an interim urgency ordinance extending expiration of development permit applications by 60 days, and building permit applications by 365 days.

“The uncertainty in the building industry is at an all-time high due to the coronavirus pandemic,” said Councilmember Scott Sherman. “The City must do all it can to provide relief in any way possible. At the beginning of this crisis the City was pro-active and took steps to provide relief. This action builds on that work and will offer real relief to the building industry during this time of uncertainty. I would like to thank the Mayor and our hard-working Development Services Department staff. “

The process of obtaining permits can sometimes be a costly and time-consuming affair. If permits were allowed to expire, builders would be forced to start the permitting process all over again, raising costs that are passed along to consumers.

“During these unprecedented times, it’s easy to forget that San Diego still faces a housing crisis. The cost of housing remains extremely high and will only get worse if building is stalled,” said Sherman. “I am thankful this common-sense solution received unanimous support at Council.”

To view the item on the docket, please click [here](#).

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