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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **TRACY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS URGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE CERTAIN FEES, EXTEND DURATION OF TEMPORARY USE PERMITS, AND ISSUE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**Tracy, Calif.** – On July 28, 2020, The Tracy City Council adopted an urgency ordinance that authorizes the City Manager to extend the duration of temporary event permits, issue special event permits, and waive certain permit fees during the current COVID-19 public health emergency. Social distancing requirements and other health and safety guidelines to minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19 have required businesses to adapt and adjust their operations. The intent of the urgency ordinance is to support businesses in their efforts to operate in compliance with the State and County Stay-at-Home Orders, while safeguarding the health and safety of the community.

*“To comply with State and County health orders and regulations, various indoor activities and business operations must now move outside. Given this, it becomes critical that the City take action to help our businesses meet these new requirements. Adoption of the urgency ordinance helps to ensure the continued viability of our local businesses who are the fabric of our community,”* states Jenny Haruyama, Tracy City Manager.

The urgency ordinance authorizes the City Manager to waive certain fees in a cumulative amount of up to \$25,000, extend the duration of temporary use permits for up to 180 days, and issue special event permits to enable local businesses to comply with social distancing and other health and safety guidelines. Additionally, the ordinance grants the City Manager authority to issue special event permits for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property, such as in parklet areas or designated City streets.

For questions related to Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) or Encroachment Permits, please contact the Development Services Department at (209) 831-6400 or [des@cityoftracy.org](mailto:des@cityoftracy.org). For Special Event Permits, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (209) 831-6200 or [parks@cityoftracy.org](mailto:parks@cityoftracy.org). For more information, visit [www.thinkinsidethetriangle.com](http://www.thinkinsidethetriangle.com).

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