

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CODE
ENFORCEMENT VIRTUAL INSPECTIONS AND FEE
WAIVERS

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the City Attorney directed Code Enforcement to suspend residential interior inspections due to the risks to inspectors and occupants from COVID-19, and interior residential inspections remain suspended; and

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement is prepared to conduct virtual (by cell phone cameras and computers) residential inspections, which will allow Code Enforcement inspectors to remain at their desk and view and document residential conditions and violations with the cooperation of the owner, manager, and/or occupants of residential units; and

WHEREAS, virtual inspections will allow inspections to take place during the COVID-19 pandemic, without health concerns from the occupants or City employees, and will allow more inspections to take place, as travel to and from locations is eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the City should incentivize cooperation for virtual inspections by reducing or eliminating certain fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City Attorney's Office is authorized and directed to implement virtual residential inspections.

2. The fee, currently \$100, for the initial virtual inspection and one follow-up virtual inspection of residential units for the Rental Housing Inspection Program are to be waived, and to incentivize cooperation for other virtual inspections, fees for additional types of virtual inspections may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the City Attorney or designee.

3. The City Attorney shall report to Council within 180 days on the progress and effectiveness of virtual inspections.

4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2020
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2020
Mayor Veto: _____, 2020
Council Override Vote: _____, 2020

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC

City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Doug Sloan Date
City Attorney