

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND SCANNED COPIES OF ORIGINAL SIGNATURES

WHEREAS, to comply with state and county health orders in response to COVID-19, many people are sheltering in place, maintaining social distance, and working from home; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to process contracts, legislation, and other City business that requires signatures of City parties and third parties; and

WHEREAS, under California law, with limited exceptions, a contract, record, or signature cannot be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form (Cal. Civ. Code 1633.7); and

WHEREAS, a scan of a wet-ink signature in a .pdf file falls within the terms of the law (see Cal. Evid. Code 1521, 1550).

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

1. Unless state law specifically requires otherwise, for all City documents, electronic signatures, including software-generated signatures and scanned versions of original wet-ink signatures, shall be as valid as an original wet-ink signatures, and shall be accepted for all purposes.

2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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Date Adopted:
Date Approved:
Effective Date:
City Attorney Approval: _____

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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 :W

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

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr Date
Chief Assistant City Attorney