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EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-21

**AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF
VALLEJO ORDERING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SECURITY
SERVICES FOR PROJECT ROOM KEY**

WHEREAS, the City of Vallejo faces increased homelessness; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, homelessness has expanded with encampments growing throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist local jurisdictions in providing services to homeless residents the State of California implemented Project Room Key; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vallejo is receiving significant funding to operate a Project Room Key program at Rodeway Inn located at 4 Mariposa St.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vallejo is experiencing increased crime as evidenced by the issuance of a Proclamation of a Local Public Safety Emergency by the Vallejo City Council (the "Proclamation"); and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation empowers the Director of Emergency Services to issue orders to mitigate issues affecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Vallejo; and

WHEREAS, Project Room Key is located in an area of increasing crime in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Vallejo Police Department is currently understaffed and overburdened by an increase in violent crime including 23 homicides and 360 shooting victims as well as significant increases in rape; and

WHEREAS, the residents at Project Room Key are all formerly homeless individuals needing access to services and working hard to change their circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the residents at Project Room Key deserve to be secure in their surroundings; and

WHEREAS, the City has a large homeless encampment located at Sacramento and Wilson streets with a large population of homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the area surrounding Sacramento and Wilson is frequently an area of illegal dumping as well as other illegal activities impacting the residents living in the encampment as well as everyone else who lives in Vallejo; and

WHEREAS, the City has an important governmental interest in protecting the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, entering into an immediate contract for security services for both Project Room Key and Sacramento and Wilson will alleviate suffering and exposure to significant risks of physical harm and property damage; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.50.070(D)(1) of the City of Vallejo Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by any emergency proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services or by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. The City shall immediately enter into a contract for security services for Project Room Key and the Sacramento and Wilson encampment.
2. This is an emergency situation calling for immediate action. Therefore, the contract shall be let without regard to the City's normal purchasing ordinances and policies including the requirement for competitive bidding.
3. This Emergency Order shall take effect at midnight on the day executed by the Director of Emergency Services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERD that this order shall remain in full force and effect until the City Council determines that the Emergency proclaimed by the City on March 16, 2020 is over.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERD that this order shall be presented to the City Council for ratification within 7 days from the date of execution by the Director of Emergency Services.

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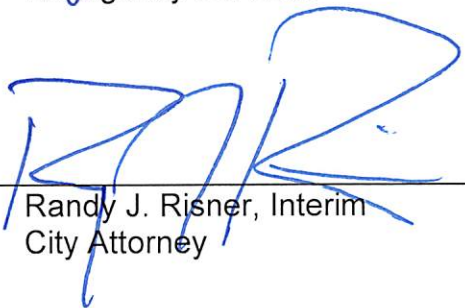
DATED: November 3, 2020

By: 

Greg Nyhoff, Director of
Emergency Services

Approved as to Form:

Dated: November 3, 2020

By: 

Randy J. Risner, Interim
City Attorney