

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE HESPERIA MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING CHAPTER 5.72 CREATING A RENTAL HOUSING BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hesperia has the authority and responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 5 of the Hesperia Municipal code contains regulations related to the operation and licensing of a business within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that rental properties constitute a commercial enterprise and as such should be licensed and regulated; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to preserve the nature of residential neighborhoods, remove blight and other violations, and ensure the health and safety of all residents, operators of rental properties shall be responsible for the disposition of their property; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure compliance, a rental housing business license program shall be created and implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, all rental properties within the City shall be registered annually as prescribed by the Hesperia Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. All of the facts set forth in the forgoing recitals are true, correct and are adopted as findings.

Section 2. Title 5, Chapter 5.72 of the Hesperia Municipal Code is hereby adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

Section 3. Title 1 Chapter 1.04 of the Hesperia Municipal Code is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit "B", attached hereto.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect on February 5, 2021

Section 5. The City Council of the City of Hesperia hereby declares that should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance hereby adopted be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction, or by any reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, and words shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Ordinance and shall cause the same to be posted in three (3) public places within the City of Hesperia pursuant to the provisions of Resolution 93-78.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2021

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Cameron Gregg, Mayor

ATTEST

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Melinda Sayre, City Clerk