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9 MUNICIPAL COURT, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
10 OAKLAND-PIEDMONT-EMERYVILLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT

11 In Re Emergency Application of) ORDER
12 CITY OF OAKLAND for Continuance)
13 and Stay of Litigation Matters.)
14 _____)

15 This Court, having read and considered the City 'of
16 Oakland's Ex Parte Application to Stay matters pending and to vacate
17 all trial dates presently scheduled and GOOD CAUSE APPEARING,
18 THEREFORE, DOES HEREBY ORDER:

19 1. That all matters filed in this Court in which the City
20 of Oakland is a party, are hereby stayed until December 20, 1989.
21 Said matters shall be rescheduled as the Court deems appropriate.

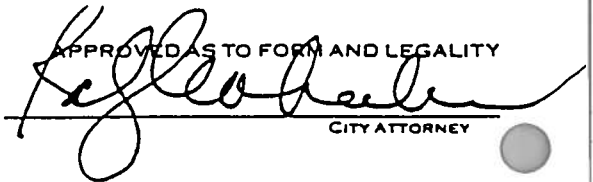
22 2. That all trials in which the City of Oakland is a
23 party and which are or will be scheduled to begin between the date
24 of this Order and December 31, 1989 be vacated. Said trials shall
25 be rescheduled as the Court deems appropriate.

26 Dated: OCT 23 1989

JACK GIFFORD
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY


CITY ATTORNEY

ORDINANCE No. _____ C. M. S.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SUSPENDING
AUTOMATIC APPROVAL DEADLINES FOR
ALL LANDUSE, SUBDIVISION AND
ZONING APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland, on October 17, 1989, sustained an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale; and

WHEREAS, several City-owned buildings sustained heavy damage and required closure; and

WHEREAS, the operations of numerous City offices and departments, including offices and departments responsible for processing landuse, subdivision and zoning applications, have been disrupted and employees have been displaced; and

WHEREAS, the City is operating under a declared emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to suspend automatic approval deadlines, including appeal deadlines, for all landuse subdivision and zoning applications; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All provisions of laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, rules and statutes, including but not limited to provisions contained in the State Permit Streamlining Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, the State Subdivisional Act, City of Oakland Real Estate and Subdivision Regulations and City of Oakland Zoning Regulations, establishing review deadlines and authorizing automatic approvals are suspended for the duration of the existing emergency;

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately and shall apply retroactively to all applications that were on file with the City as of October 17, 1989 and to all applications filed during the emergency;

Section 3. This Ordinance shall remain in effect until and through the last day of the existing emergency;

Section 4. For application review and automatic approval deadline purposes, all landuse, subdivision and zoning applications that were either on file with the City on October 17, 1989, or that were filed with the City after October 17, 1989 but during the period of the emergency, shall be considered filed on the first working day following expiration of the emergency.

Section 5. That the term "emergency" as used in this Ordinance shall mean the emergency declared by the City Council on October 18, 1989.

Section 6. Within three days of the date of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be published twice weekly, for the duration of the emergency, in the Tribune and the Montclarion.

I certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by the City Council of the City of Oakland, California on

ARRECE JAMESON
City Clerk

Per _____, Deputy.

2.7 CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

The public was largely unaware of how seriously City government had been affected by the Loma Prieta quake. Damage to City Hall, City Hall West and Charles Greene Library displaced 12 City departments. Following the earthquake, some departments attempted to retrieve documents, reference materials and equipment from their offices. Entrance to damaged buildings was denied to all personnel on the afternoon of October 18th when it was announced that it was not safe to enter these buildings. This left many departments without equipment and data resources that were needed for ongoing projects.

Despite these difficulties, the City continued to meet its obligations and provided Oakland citizens with municipal services. Obligations which had to be fulfilled included: paying bills, meeting payroll, maintaining contractual relationships, keeping equipment running, arraigning criminal suspects, meeting the City's legal obligations, and holding public hearings.

A. The Work Environment

Prior to the earthquake specific Departmental recovery issues had not been fully addressed. No one predicted the extent of damage to City offices, nor had consequences of relocating the majority of City offices been foreseen.

The task of finding new office space was initially assigned to the Buildings Division of the Office of General Services (OGS). This Division was caught unprepared for the size of this task. Estimates of the total office space allotment needed was 180,000 square feet. This did not include space for meetings or storage of City documents and archives.

Departments, with real estate information and an awareness of space design, were asked to assist OGS. Representatives from City Planning, Building Division of OGS, and Real Estate Division of OPW pooled information. This was an effective way to identify space, but there was not an equally effective way to reserve space.

The process of identifying space, confirming departmental commitments, and signing a lease took time. Other entities, both public and private, competed with the City for space and would sometimes move more quickly to secure offices. Many departments, or portions of departments, moved four to six times before being located in a semi-permanent location.

City management considered, but ruled out, commandeering the Oakland Convention Center to house staff temporarily. It could have been equipped with computers and copiers to provide a limited number of workstations which departments could schedule on a