

ORDINANCE NO. 1194

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0048 BY REFERENCE INTO THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 8.10, "ADDRESSING MEDICAL DEBT COLLECTION" TO THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Pico Rivera ("City"), pursuant to the police powers delegated to it by the California Constitution, has the authority to enact laws which promote the public health, safety and general welfare of its residents, and

WHEREAS, approximately one in ten adults suffer from financial distress stemming from medical debt; and

WHEREAS, the collective debt burden in Los Angeles County elevated from 2.6 billion dollars in 2021 to over 2.9 billion in 2022, and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2024, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the "Addressing Medical Debt through Data Collection" Ordinance ("Ordinance No. 2024-0048") to track and address the impact of medical debt on county residents, and

WHEREAS, ("Debt Data") is defined as the patient's name, medical record number, date of birth, phone number, residence and mailing address, email, and insurance name and policy number; and

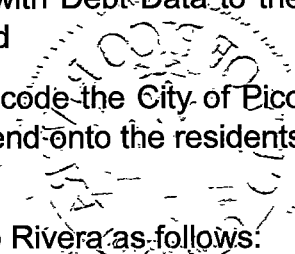
WHEREAS, this Ordinance plays a crucial role in the development of policies created to reduce medical debt by providing government and healthcare agencies with useful Debt Data. Such data is then used by the agencies to make informed systemic changes meant to address the specific needs of those individuals most in need, and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance would require hospitals with a low-income percent of seventy or higher ("Safety Net Hospitals") to prepare and submit a report with Debt Data to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health ("Department") within sixty days of initiating any collection of debt; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance would also require those hospitals that are not considered Safety Net Hospitals to prepare and submit a report with Debt Data to the Department within thirty days of initiating any collection of debt; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this Ordinance into the municipal code the City of Pico Rivera would ensure that the benefits of said Ordinance would extend onto the residents of Pico Rivera.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Pico Rivera as follows:



SECTION 1. The City Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as part of the findings.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that medical debt is a significant problem that is affecting many individuals in Los Angeles County

SECTION 3. City hereby adopts procedures established in Los Angeles County Ordinance No 2024-0048 By adopting this ordinance by reference the Pico Rivera Municipal Code is amended by adding Section 8 10 to read as follows.

CHAPTER 8 10 ADDRESSING MEDICAL DEBT THROUGH DATA COLLECTION

§ 8 10 010 County Health and Safety Code adopted

A. There is adopted by reference, except as hereinafter provided, the Los Angeles County Code, Title 11, Health and Safety, as currently in effect and as amended through Los Angeles County Ordinance No 2024-0048 and by this reference the Los Angeles County ordinances and codes shall become the "Addressing Medical Debt through Data Collection" ordinance of the city of Pico Rivera

B In the event of any conflict or ambiguity between any provision contained in the Los Angeles County Code and any other provision of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code, the provisions of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code shall have control

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage pursuant to Government Code Section 36937

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance The City Council hereby finds and determines that there are no newspapers of general circulation both published and circulated within the City and, in compliance with Section 36933 of the Government Code directs the City Clerk to cause said Ordinance, within fifteen (15) days after its passage, to be posted in at least five (5) public places within the City This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 13th day of May 2025.

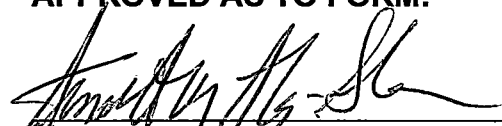


John R. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia Ayala, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM.


Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)


I, Cynthia Ayala, City Clerk of the City of Pico Rivera, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No 1194 was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera, held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 with the following vote

AYES Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Garcia

NOES None

ABSENT None

ABSTAIN None





Cynthia Ayala, City Clerk