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Price Gouging Information and Reporting

Price gouging is when sellers increase their prices for essential consumer goods and services during an emergency. According to California's Penal Code Section 396, it is illegal to raise the price of consumer goods by more than 10% after an emergency has been declared. For more information about price gouging, please visit the Office of the Attorney General's <u>website</u>.

The Gardena Police Department has received several calls regarding price gouging. If you suspect price gouging, please report it to Code Enforcement at (310) 217-6171 or call the Police Department at (310) 323-7911.

Sincerely,

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