

A RESOLUTION

ratifying Order 2020-21 and Order 2020-22 issued by the Health Director and authorizing the Health Director to extend the effective date of the rules and regulations contained in Order 2020-22 for a period of time greater than twenty-one (21) days.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is considered an infectious, highly contagious communicable and dangerous disease and on March 11, 2020 was declared by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic there have been declarations of emergency enacted by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Missouri and the City of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, ensuring adequate healthcare resources exist within the community to promptly identify, isolate and care for individuals exposed to COVID-19 and respond to any anticipated surge in required healthcare services due to COVID-19 while maintaining adequate care for other patients is critical to the health, safety and well-being of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Health Director, as the Local Health Authority, has issued prior Orders that have resulted in a decline of the number of COVID-19 cases in the City of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Director entered Order 2020-21 which modified the previous orders by removing capacity limits for certain gatherings and events and subsequently issued Order 2020-22 to extend the rules and regulations set forth in Order 2020-21 until May 12, 2021, which will result in such rules and regulations being in effect for a period of greater than twenty-one (21) days; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-98 of the City Code requires any order issued by the Director which is in effect form more than twenty-one (21) days to be ratified by the Council; and

WHEREAS, due to the continuing impact of the COVID-19 disease on the health, safety and well-being of the community, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Columbia and for the preservation of public health and safety to ratify Order 2020-22 which extends the rules and regulations contained in Order 2020-21 for a period of time greater than twenty-one (21) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council makes and reaffirms the findings set forth above and incorporates the same by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby ratifies Order 2020-21 and Order 2020-22 and further authorizes the Director to extend the rules and regulations contained in such orders for a period of time greater than twenty-one (21) days as determined in the sole discretion of the Director to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the City of Columbia, Missouri.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor