

Introduced by Trecee

First Reading 5-18-20

Second Reading 5-18-20

Ordinance No. 024242

Council Bill No. B 107-20

AN ORDINANCE

repealing Ordinance No. 024208 which enacted temporary rules for the submission of public comments on Council agenda items; providing an emergency clause for enactment on the day of introduction of the bill; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 024208 on April 6, 2020 to modify the manner in which public comments on agenda items were to be received by the Council; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, the Director of Public Health and Human Services issued Order No. 2020-05, Reopening Plan – Phase 2, Step 1, with an effective date of May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the reopening plan issued by the Director, the City Council desires to repeal the temporary rules for the submission of public comments on Council agenda items in order to begin accepting in-person public comments during City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the return to regular operations, the City Council finds it is necessary to preserve the public welfare to enact such repeal as an emergency ordinance on the day of introduction so that it may go into effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. Repeal of Ordinance No. 024208. The City Council hereby repeals Ordinance No. 024208 passed on April 6, 2020, which enacted temporary rules for the submission of public comments on Council agenda items.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause, effective date. This ordinance is enacted as an emergency ordinance within the meaning of Article II of Section 15 of the Home Rule Charter of the City. This ordinance shall go into effect immediately after its passage by six-sevenths (6/7) of the members of the City Council.

PASSED this 18th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor