



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 1, 2020

Re: Amendment of Chapter 11, Article IV, Division 2 of the City Code related to Communicable Diseases within the City

## Executive Summary

At the request of the City Council, an ordinance has been prepared to provide Council approval of health orders issued by the director of Public Health and Human Services which exceed twenty-one (21) days in length. In addition, two other sections within the same Division of the City Code are being amended to correct language which is not gender neutral.

## Discussion

In order to provide checks and balances in the process of issuing emergency health orders which have general applicability within the City, an ordinance has been prepared to limit the length of time a health order may be effective without formal ratification by the City Council. If Council adopts the measure, the maximum time period an order issued pursuant to Section 11-98 of the City Code would be limited to twenty-one (21) days. This time period corresponds to the same period of time the City Manager may establish temporary emergency regulations without approval of the Council.

In addition, Chapter 11, Article IV, Division 2 of the City Code contained two additional sections which did not utilize gender neutral language. It is the practice of the City to include and correct the language in all sections of the City Code contained within an article, or portion thereof, which is not gender neutral. There are other provisions of Chapter 11 that are not gender neutral, but staff is only addressing those that fall within the same division of the Code containing the substantive amendment to Section 11-98. The remaining sections will be amended at a later date.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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## [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Legislative History

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None.	None.

### Suggested Council Action

No recommendation.