

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2020

Re: Transit and Parking Temporary Deviations Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Executive Summary

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, a bill has been prepared for Council consideration which would authorize certain actions taken by the City Manager to suspend transit fares and to allow the issuance of parking meter hoods to restaurants downtown who are conducting carryout business only.

Discussion

In response to the order of the Director of Public Health and Human Services to limit occupancy of business to ten (10) persons, the City Manager authorized restaurants in the downtown area who were only conducting carryout business to receive two (2) parking meter hoods adjacent to their business for no charge. Since the Stay at Home Order was entered this practice continues to be in effect.

In addition, the City has suspended the imposition of fares by any transit rider during the emergency.

The City Manager's actions which suspend any City Code requirement are only valid up to a period of 21 days unless confirmed and authorized by Council. If Council chooses not to approve these actions, the parking meter hoods will be removed and/or transit riders will resume paying fees for transit service.

The bill has an emergency clause which allows for Council to consider the bill and adopt it on the same day as introduction. In order to do so, the bill must receive a six-sevenths (6/7) vote of the entire Council.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Not applicable. Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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



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Legislative History		
Date	Action	
	None.	

Suggested Council Action	
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None.