

Bill No. _____

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG MODIFYING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY OF THE CITY MANAGER DATED MAY 29, 2020, MODIFYING REGULATIONS ADOPTED THEREUNDER.

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Section 7.2, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri grants the City Manager the authority to declare an emergency whenever a disaster is imminent or actually occurs with the city, and the safety and welfare of the inhabitants is jeopardized; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, which results in illness now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness, and presents significant risk of death to persons with depressed immune systems, certain pre-existing conditions, and the elderly; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19, as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and,

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the WHO Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Center of Disease Control (CDC) is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States, and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Michael L. Parson declared a State of Emergency for the State of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Johnson County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency for Johnson County, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, on March 23rd, 2020 the City Council ratified the original declaration of a State of Emergency by the City Manager for the City of Warrensburg; and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020 Governor Michael L. Parson extended the State of Emergency for the State of Missouri through December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS the continued spread of COVID-19 constitutes a natural calamity and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness which could overwhelm local health care resources, increasing the risk of death in the community, which requires emergency action; and,

WHEREAS, the proclamation of a state of emergency provides the City the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of Warrensburg residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to employ all means available under the law to protect life, health, safety, and property to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19 creating this emergency; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 77.530 RSMo, the Council is empowered to take measures designed to prevent and abate the spread of contagious disease within the City, and the Council finds and declares the provisions of this Ordinance to be essential to the carrying out of that power,

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

Section One. The Declaration of Emergency Adjustments of the City Manager dated May 29,2020, and previously ratified by the City Council is modified as follows:

1. All licenses and permits whose expiration or renewal was extended under prior orders of the City Manager or City Council shall expire September 1, 2020, with renewals to be effective September 2, 2020. Renewals shall thereafter be issued, when otherwise entitled to renewal, for the balance of the normal 2020-2021 license period.

Section Two. The State of Emergency declared by the City Manager and the regulations adopted thereunder are hereby extended until December 30, 2020.

Section Three. This ordinance and the regulations adopted hereunder shall be in immediate force and effect from and after passage of this ordinance.

Read two times and passed by title in open session this ____ day of July, 2020.

Bryan Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk