

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE 2020-03.

WHEREAS, an outbreak of the severe respiratory disease, COVID-19, which is caused by and is transmitted by person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus, started in late 2019 and has currently been detected across the world, including the United States;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread by person-to-person contact via both airborne and fecal-oral transmission, or by contact with surfaces contaminated by the virus. In some cases, especially among older adults and persons with serious underlying health conditions, COVID-19 can result in serious illness requiring hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, and death;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is an imminent hazard to public health, safety, or welfare;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has designated COVID-19 a pandemic, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has declared a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance to state and local governments and all citizens recommending steps to prevent community spread and guard against the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, the CDC and health experts have recommended social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Social distancing is a method of slowing down or stopping the spread of a contagious disease by reducing the probability of contact between infected persons and those not infected in order to minimize disease transmission;

WHEREAS, in response to the need to implement social distancing, all schools in the state will be closed for the remainder of the school year;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the White House issued guidance recommending that social gatherings of more than ten people be avoided and that people avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in several counties in South Dakota;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Executive Order 2020-04 declared a state of emergency to exist in the State of South Dakota in response to the spread of COVID-19, which was extended through May 31, 2020 by Executive Order 2020-15;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Executive Order 2020-08, provided guidance and strategies to South Dakota citizens and businesses to reduce the likelihood of spreading COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the CDC & SD Department of Health (SD DOH) have issued guidance to state and local governments and all citizens recommending steps to prevent community spread and guard against the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, Executive Order 2020-12, rescinded Executive Order 2020-08, and put in place mandatory guidelines for South Dakota citizens, employers, retail businesses, health care organizations, and local and municipal governments;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the City Council of the City of Harrisburg (the “City”) passed Ordinance 2020-03 in support of the directives of the executive orders and CDC guidance as it relates to COVID-19 in the state of South Dakota;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2020-03 is set to expire on May 1, 2020 unless extended by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary for the prevention and spread of the contagious virus causing the deadly COVID-19 disease within the City to extend the effective date of Ordinance 2020-03 to June 1, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harrisburg City Council that Ordinance 2020-03 shall remain in effect until June 1, 2020, at which time it shall be automatically repealed unless specifically readopted for an additional period of time by resolution of the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to SDCL 9-19-13, this resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare, and support of the City and shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2020.

CITY OF HARRISBURG, SOUTH DAKOTA

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(SEAL)

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