



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION City of Greenville, South Carolina

Agenda Item No.

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: John F. McDonough, City Manager

Ordinance/First Reading
 Ordinance/Second & Final Reading
 Resolution/First & Final Reading
 Information Only

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: March 13, 2020

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTION:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP AND ENACT A PLAN IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN LIGHT OF THE COV1D-19 OUTBREAK; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

It is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2 the virus that causes the disease COVID-19 is presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance. These measures have taken many forms across the nation including travel bans, school closures, individual quarantines, and cancellation of major events, among other measures. The city of Greenville is working with other government agencies in an effort to prevent the spread of the disease. Section 5-7-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws empowers Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, or safety.

In light of the foregoing, City Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this emergency ordinance in order to: (a) temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of City Council; (b) to authorize the City Manager to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COV1D-19 outbreak; and (c) authorize the City Manager to revoke special events permits for a temporary period.

IMPACT IF DENIED:

Potential increase in spread of disease.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Department Director _____

OMB Director _____

City Attorney _____

City Manager _____

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Michael Pitts

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John McDonough

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A N O R D I N A N C E

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WHEREAS, it is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2 the virus that causes the disease COVID-19 presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, these measures have taken many forms across the nation including travel bans, school closures, individual quarantines, and cancellation of major events, among other measures; and

WHEREAS, the city of Greenville is working with other government agencies in an effort to prevent the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws empowers Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, or safety; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, City Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this emergency ordinance in order to: (a) temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of City Council; (b) to authorize the City Manager to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak; and (c) authorize the City Manager to revoke special events permits for a temporary period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA:

1. The city of Greenville temporarily suspends the normal operating procedures of City Council meetings and hereby allows for the Mayor and Council members to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication provided that the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act are complied with.
2. The City Manager is authorized to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.
3. The City Manager is authorized to cancel and revoke any special events permits issued prior to the date of this ordinance for events taking place until April 30, 2020.
4. This emergency ordinance shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment of this ordinance, whichever date is earlier.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED:

CITY MANAGER