

RESOLUTION

By Bender

Amending Resolution 2020R-075 entitled “Approving and extending the Mayor’s Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency resulting from imminent health conditions caused by the presence of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19),” adopted March 19, 2020, to extend the period of the declared Local Public Health Emergency and to provide for the phased termination of certain emergency regulations.

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, and the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 128.50, Mayor Frey declared a state of local public health emergency within the City of Minneapolis on Monday, March 16, 2020, to be and remain in force and effect beginning that date and to continue throughout the duration of the State of Minnesota peacetime emergency declaration remained in effect, which declaration of local public health emergency was subsequently ratified and extended by the City Council pursuant to Resolution No. 2020R-075; and

Whereas, subsequent to adoption of Resolution No. 2020R-075, Mayor Frey proclaimed numerous Emergency Regulations to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety, and welfare of residents, businesses, and employees of the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, City staff, including the leadership of the Minneapolis Health Department report continued increases in COVID-19 vaccination rates in the City of Minneapolis as well as continued decreases in positivity rates, hospitalization rates, and deaths, showing overall positive trends for the community in responding to the public health crisis; and

Whereas, the State of Minnesota peacetime emergency declaration was terminated by action of the Governor and State Legislature effective Thursday, July 1, 2021, which would otherwise immediately terminate the local public health emergency in the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council find there is public benefit to extending the period of local emergency within the City of Minneapolis in order to provide a planned, phased elimination of its Emergency Regulations promulgated during the COVID-19 Local Public Health Emergency, particularly those which offered critical support to local businesses, protected vulnerable populations, and recognized first responders and other essential workers;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 128.50 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, the City Council does hereby extend the Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency in response to the COVID-19 global health pandemic which was ratified pursuant to Resolution No. 2020R-075, which shall remain in force and effect in the City of Minneapolis through September 30, 2021.

That the following Emergency Regulations, promulgated by the Mayor during the COVID-19 Local Public Health Emergency pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 128.60, which were ratified and incorporated as part of Resolution No. 2020R-075, shall also be extended and remain in force and effect as provided below:

1. Emergency Regulation No. 2020-5 waiving late fees for renewal of food, taxi, liquor, wine, beer, or catering licenses is extended to September 30, 2021, at which time said regulation shall terminate.
2. Emergency Regulation No. 2020-7 suspending license renewal installment fees for liquor, wine, or beer is extended to September 30, 2021, at which time said regulation shall terminate.
3. Emergency Regulation No. 2020-13 easing a number of zoning and licensing regulations specific to restaurants and bars is extended to September 30, 2021, at which time said regulation shall terminate.
4. Emergency Regulation No. 2020-20 setting rules for third-party food delivery platforms and services is extended to September 30, 2021, at which time said regulation shall terminate.
5. Emergency Regulation No. 2020-21 related to the granting of an additional 80 hours sick leave available to certain employees to use for COVID-19 related situations shall be continued through December 31, 2021.
6. Emergency Regulation No. 2021-2 and Emergency Regulation No. 2020-18, which amends Emergency Regulation 2020-14 and 2020-6 related to certain paid leaves for qualified emergency responders subject to provisions of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act shall be continued through December 31, 2023.

Be It Further Resolved that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, subd. 1(1), the City Council, through its presiding officer, in coordination with the City Clerk and City Attorney, find it remains impractical and imprudent to resume in-person meetings and meetings under 13D.02 immediately, and therefore direct that meetings of the Council and its Committees and of the various boards, commissioners, and advisory bodies of the City shall continue to be conducted by telephonic or other interactive technology pending a transition plan and effective date for the resumption of in-person meetings that is approved by City Council to be completed no later than September 30, 2021.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish and post this resolution extending the declared Local Public Health Emergency in the City of Minneapolis, including posting on the City's website and official bulletin boards.