ORDINANCE NO. 1794
SERIES 2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING TO JUNE 30, 2020 THE REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS WITHIN THE CITY

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is a public health crisis that continues to cause widespread human and economic impacts within the City of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis issued Executive Order D2020-044, introducing the “Safer at Home” phase of slightly relaxed regulation, which permitted some non-critical businesses to open with certain restrictions beginning May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the Safer at Home order, Governor Polis provided that nothing in such order prevents a county or municipality from adopting more protective standards than those contained in the order, including but not limited to stay at home orders, mask wearing requirements in public, or additional protective measures and, if such local measures are adopted, they will become effective within the county or municipality without state approval; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the “CDC”) recommends the wearing of cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2020, Boulder County Public Health issued an order requiring facial coverings in public where social distancing cannot be maintained, which order became effective on May 9, 2020 and was to continue in effect until midnight on May 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1793, Series 2020, an Emergency Ordinance Requiring the Wearing of Face Coverings within the City, which ordinance become effective at 11:59 p.m. on May 7, 2020 and continues in effect until midnight on June 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, Boulder County Public Health extended its order requiring facial coverings to June 30, 2020, and the City Council finds its Emergency Ordinance Requiring the Wearing of Face Coverings within the City should likewise be extended until June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and declares it has the power and authority to adopt this ordinance pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-103 (concerning municipal police powers), C.R.S. § 31-15-401 (concerning municipal police powers), C.R.S. § 31-15-501 (concerning municipal authority to regulate businesses), Article XX of the Colorado Constitution (concerning municipal home rule), and the City of Louisville Home Rule Charter; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council finds that an emergency exists because the preservation of public property, health, safety, and welfare requires the City to take immediate action to ensure the health of all City residents, public and private employees, business patrons, and to ensure recipients of government services are protected to the greatest extent possible from transmission of COVID-19 while engaging in commercial and governmental transactions within the City during the Pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 7 of Ordinance No. 1793, Series 2020, is hereby amended to read as follows (words to be deleted striken; words to be added underlined):

Section 7. Effective Date This ordinance shall become effective at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020 and shall continue in effect until midnight on June 30, 2020, unless earlier terminated or extended.

Section 2. Except as amended by this Ordinance, all provisions of Ordinance No. 1793, Series 2020, shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

Section 3. The City Council herewith finds, determines and declares that this ordinance is genuinely and urgently necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare because the COVID-19 Pandemic has presented an urgent need to ensure and provide for the promotion of health and the suppression of disease by preventing the spread of the virus within the City.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 2nd day of June, 2020.

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Ashley Stolzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Meredyth Muth, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kelly PC, City Attorney