

City of Harrisonburg, Virginia



Office of the City Manager

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TO: Eric D. Campbell, City Manager
FROM: G. Chris Brown, City Attorney
DATE: 6/29/2020
RE: Ordinance Ending Local Emergency Due to COVID-19

Summary: An ordinance ending the Local Emergency Declaration issued by the City Manager on March 15, 2020.

Background: On March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the threats raised by the COVID-19 virus. On March 15, 2020, the City Manager issued a Declaration of Local Emergency due to COVID-19. This Declaration of Local Emergency was ratified by City Council on March 24, 2020. The Governor has indicated that the statewide Declaration of Emergency will end on June 30, 2021. It appears that the outbreak and spread of COVID-19, while far from completely over, has subsided to the extent that it no longer constitutes a threat to the residents of Harrisonburg necessary to continue the Declaration of Local Emergency.

Key Issues: Ending the Declaration of Local Emergency.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: None

Prior Actions: Ordinance Confirming the City Manager's Declaration of Local Emergency issued on March 15, 2020. The Ordinance was passed on March 24, 2020. On June 8, 2020 Council discussed potentially ending the Declaration of Local Emergency and resuming in-person meetings.

Alternatives: (a) Adopt the ordinance;
(b) or adopt a modified ordinance;
(c) or do not adopt ordinance at this time

Community Engagement: None

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance

Attachments: Ordinance

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.