

TERMINATION OF  
DECLARATION AND ORDER

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**TERMINATION OF A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ORDER TO TEMPORARILY EMPLOY ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC LIFE, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND PROPERTY TO LIMIT THE DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTION, AND SPREAD OF COVID-19, THE DISEASE CREATING THE EMERGENCY, BY REQUIRING SIX-FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCING OR THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS WHEN IN INDOOR SPACES OTHER THAN RESIDENCES.**

**WHEREAS,** on September 8, 2020, the City Council enacted a General Ordinance requiring managers or operators of indoor retail stores with 10,000 or more interior square feet of space (including space that is not accessible to the general public) to require individuals to wear face coverings or masks when those individuals are inside the retail store; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 15, 2020, a Declaration of Emergency and temporary orders were issued to require managers or operators of indoor spaces not including private residences to require individuals who are not part of the same household to either maintain six-foot distances between them or wear face coverings or masks over their nose and mouth while in indoor spaces, subject to limited exceptions; and

**WHEREAS,** the September 15, 2020, Declaration of Emergency and temporary orders stated that it would remain in effect from 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020, through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 5, 2020, the City Council approved Resolution 45589 expressing its support for an extension of the Mayor's Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances on September 15, 2020, to extend expiration of said Declaration and Order by thirty days; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 6, 2020, the Mayor's Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances was extended through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 13, 2020, the Mayor's Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances was modified to allow participation in strenuous athletic activities as part of an organized league or association without face coverings or masks; and

**WHEREAS,** on November 16, 2020, the City Council approved a Resolution 45683 expressing its support for an extension of the Mayor’s Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances on September 15, 2020, and modified on October 13, 2020, to extend expiration of said Declaration and Order through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 8, 2021, the City Council approved a Resolution 45842 expressing its support for an extension of the Mayor’s Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances on November 20, 2020, to extend expiration of said Declaration and Order through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** following a continued increase in the spread of COVID-19, on November 20, 2020, the Mayor’s Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances was modified to require increased use of face coverings or masks in indoor restaurants and taverns to help limit the spread of COVID-19 occurring at such locations without imposing elevated restrictions such as business hour limitations, capacity limitations, or full closures; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 6, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ expressing its support for termination of the Mayor’s Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances on November 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** said Resolution further recommended that citizens continue to wear face coverings or masks when in indoor public places, except in situations in which guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention allows persons to refrain from wearing face coverings or masks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY GRANTED BY SECTION 2-1454 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, I, MAYOR BILL MCMURRAY, ORDER THE FOLLOWING:**

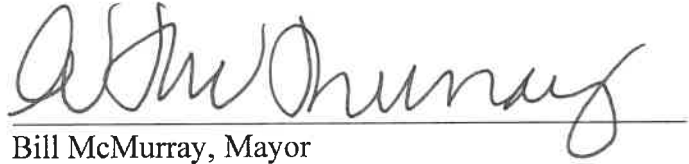
**SECTION 1.** That the Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances on November 20, 2020, be, and hereby is, terminated effective at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

**SECTION 2.** That, notwithstanding said termination, the City of St. Joseph continues to recommend that citizens wear face coverings or masks when in indoor public places, except in situations in which guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention allows persons to refrain from wearing face coverings or masks.

**SECTION 3.** That, notwithstanding said termination, the City of St. Joseph continues to recommend that citizens follow the latest guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit the spread of COVID-19, the risk of personal infection, and the risk of transmitting the disease to others.

**SECTION 4.** That new Declarations and Orders requiring the use of face coverings or masks and the employment of other protective measures may be issued at any time based upon the continuing development and spread of COVID-19 and other considerations related to the emergency necessitating the issuance of the Declaration and Orders terminated herein.

Authenticated as Declared and Ordered:

  
Bill McMurray, Mayor

Filed with me, the City Clerk of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, on this 22nd day of <sup>March</sup>~~April~~ 2021, by Mayor Bill McMurray, whose signature I hereby attest.

  
Paula Heyde, City Clerk