

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE INDEPENDENCE ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND POLICIES TO PROTECT CITY OF INDEPENDENCE EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DURING AND THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2019 the United States Census Bureau estimated that the City of Independence, Missouri has a population of 116,672; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Independence employs approximately 1,100 full and part-time employees; and,

WHEREAS, City of Independence employees provide a wide array of services and perform their duties in a diversity of settings; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health crisis continues to escalate, with many states reporting increasing case loads and single-day highs for the number of confirmed positive cases; and,

WHEREAS, many precautions have been taken since the Mayor declared a State of Emergency on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, including restricting access to public facilities, allowing employees to work remotely, splitting shifts among City employees to limit interaction, providing employees with personal protective equipment (PPE) and retrofitting public facilities to promote social distancing measures; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Independence experienced its first confirmed positive COVID-19 case on June 25<sup>th</sup> in the Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City take every precaution to protect the health of its citizens and employees during this public health crisis; and,

WHEREAS, the Independence Advisory Board of Health possess the expertise to review current policies and recommend any additional measures that could further protect the health of the citizens of Independence and of City employees during this public health crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Independence Advisory Board of Health is directed to evaluate and recommend policies to protect the citizens of Independence as well as City of Independence employees during and throughout the COVID-19 public health crisis.

SECTION 2. That a summary of this evaluation and any recommended policies shall be presented to the City Council for further consideration on or before August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is directed to provide monthly updates on citizen and employee protective measures, status of personal protective equipment for visitors and employees to public facilities, and other relevant COVID-19 information at the second City Council scheduled meeting or at the City Councils request until such time as the City Council deems such updates no longer

necessary.

PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

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Presiding Officer of the City Council  
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

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City Manager