

**EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI**

WHEREAS, the City of Independence, Missouri Charter provides the Mayor the ability to proclaim a state of emergency to preserve the peace, property and safety of its citizens, and ;

WHEREAS, the City of Independence, Missouri is prepared to appropriately respond to the ongoing public health and safety risks to the residents and visitors of Independence, Missouri, and;

WHEREAS, Independence is the fifth largest City in Missouri with a diverse population and workforce within the 78-square mile jurisdiction welcoming thousands of visitors to its various venues, businesses and public buildings, and an emergency exists:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eileen N. Weir, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in Independence, Missouri, and hereby invoke and declare in full force and effect in Independence, Missouri, all laws and statutes of the State of Missouri and the City of Independence for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Independence, Missouri, and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 12 of the Independence City Code.

All public offices and employees of Independence, Missouri, are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and the City of Independence, Missouri; Jackson County, Missouri; and State of Missouri Emergency Management Agencies in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public offices.

All businesses are called upon and directed to comply with the necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and the City of Independence, Missouri; Jackson County, Missouri; and State of Missouri Emergency Management Agencies in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public offices. In the event a business fails to comply with these measures, the City may issue progressive disciplinary measures against said business which may include, but not be limited to, a General Order Summons being issued, the revocation of a business license, and the termination of electrical services to said business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence, Missouri, to be affixed this 3rd day of **August** 2020.

This proclamation is effective until further notice **but shall be subject to City Council review for wording and compliance every 30 days.**

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK