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City of Saint Paul Emergency Executive Order 2021-21 (May 21, 2021)

Executive Order May 14, 2021-21

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-21

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on May 21, 2021, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

On March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-10 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19" pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.31, Subd. 2. This Declaration has been extended and remains in effect.

On March 15, 2020, Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter issued an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic" pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29; which the City Council consented to on March 17, 2020. This Declaration has been extended and remains in effect.

Saint Paul Leg. Code Chapter 13.06(b) provides that, "whenever necessary to meet an emergency ... the mayor may by executive order promulgate regulations ... for which adequate regulations have not been adopted ... respecting the conduct of persons and the use of property during emergencies; ...emergency health, fire and safety regulations; and all other matters which are required to protect public safety, health and welfare in emergencies".

There continues to be community acquired COVID-19 cases in Saint Paul. Currently, just over 292,000 Ramsey County residents have received at least one vaccine dose, however, 32% of the population has not received any doses of the vaccine. While the COVID-19 testing positivity rate is trending down, the positivity rate in Ramsey County last week was 5% (up from a low in March of 2.3%), which remains an indicator that transmission is elevated and community mitigation measures are warranted to reduce transmission. The potential for community contact transmission is especially concerning for individuals who have not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine, and vulnerable populations who cannot receive a COVID-19 vaccine. While face coverings are not personal protective equipment, face coverings, whether manufactured or homemade cloth, provide "source control" by helping to limit the person wearing the covering from infecting others and by helping to control the spread of the virus.

THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby issue the following Emergency Executive Order:

Regulations:

Individuals at City-Controlled Property: Must wear a face covering indoors at all times when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained.

Businesses Licensed by the City of Saint Paul: Must require all Individuals to wear a face covering indoors at all times when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained, except for temporary removal of face covering when eating or drinking.

All Businesses: Strongly encouraged to continue to require that all individuals wear a face covering indoors at all times when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained.

Terms:

Individual: all persons except young children at risk of suffocation and persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering.

City-Controlled Property: includes park facilities, libraries, and City offices and workplaces.

Face Covering: includes manufactured or homemade cloth face coverings. Face coverings must fully cover an individual's nose and mouth. Face coverings are not required to be medical-grade masks.

Enforcement:

Any Individual who fails to comply with this requirement will be asked to leave any City-controlled property. Any individual who subsequently refuses to leave said property upon request will be deemed to be trespassing and may be subject to criminal penalties as provided by law.

Any business licensed by the City of Saint Paul found in violation of this requirement may face adverse licensing action and penalties under Chapter 310 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, this Executive Order is in immediate effect upon my signature and, if not sooner rescinded or later extended, shall expire at the end of forty (40) days after its effective date or at the end of the declared local emergency to which it relates, whichever occurs first.