

RESOLUTION

**By Bender, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison,
Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Schroeder, Johnson, and Palmisano**

Amending Resolution 2020R-075 entitled “Approving and extending the Mayor’s Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency resulting from imminent health conditions caused by the presence of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19),” adopted March 19, 2020.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has a current local public health emergency resulting from imminent health conditions caused by presence of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19); and

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.29, and the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 128.50, Mayor Frey declared a state of local public health emergency within the City of Minneapolis on Monday, March 16, 2020, to be and remain in force and effect beginning that date and continuing for as long as the State of Minnesota peacetime emergency declaration remains in effect, which declaration of local public health emergency was ratified and continued by the City Council pursuant to Resolution No. 2020R-075; and

Whereas, the State of Minnesota peacetime emergency declaration was terminated by action of the Governor and State Legislature effective Thursday, July 1, 2021; and

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council found there was a public benefit to extending the period of local emergency within the City of Minneapolis in order to provide a planned, phased elimination of its Emergency Regulations promulgated during the COVID-19 Local Public Health Emergency, pursuant to Resolution No. 2021R-177; and

Whereas, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has identified new variants of the COVID-19 virus which are present in the United States and medical experts have determined that some of these variants are significantly more contagious than previously known variants; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 Delta variant, which has been identified in Minnesota, has been determined by the CDC to be a “variant of concern” due to its higher transmissibility, and now accounts for the majority of all new cases sequenced in Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis, thereby substantially increasing the potential risk of infection and the spread of the virus through the community; and

Whereas, COVID-19 cases in the City of Minneapolis have trended upward since July 2021, with the community transmission rate exceeding 100 cases per 100,000 individuals, putting the City in the CDC’s high-risk area category, with increased rates of positive test cases; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That in accordance with Section 128.50 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, the City Council does hereby ratify the state of local public health emergency proclaimed by Mayor Frey on Monday, March 16, 2020, pertaining to the City of Minneapolis and all its residents.

That the declared state of local public health emergency shall continue and does hereby remain in force and in effect through ~~September 30, 2021~~ November 7, 2021, or until such time as the City Council, by official action, may further extend or terminate the declared state of local public health emergency for the City of Minneapolis.

That meetings of the City Council and its Committees, and of the boards and commissions of the City, shall be conducted by telephonic or other interactive technology pending a transition plan and effective date for the resumption of in-person meetings that is approved by City Council to be completed no later than ~~September 30, 2021~~ November 7, 2021; and staff are directed to provide public notice on the ways in which such meetings may be accessed and monitored from remote locations, as authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021.

That pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 128.80, the Mayor's Emergency Regulations Nos. 2020-5, 2020-6, 2020-7, 2020-13, 2020-14, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2021-2, and 2021-4 are hereby ratified and shall be extended throughout the duration of the declared state of local public health emergency, until such time as they may be renewed by further action of the Mayor, or until such time as the City Council, by official action, may further extend or terminate said emergency regulations.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to publish and post this resolution ratifying the declared state of local public health emergency in the City of Minneapolis, including posting on the City's website and official bulletin boards.