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City of Saint Paul Emergency Executive Order 2020-08 (April 24, 2020)

Executive Order April 24, 2020, 2020-08

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-08

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on April 24, 2020, 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.

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.

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 all other matters which are required to protect public safety, health and welfare in emergencies".

On March 16, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-04 which ordered the temporary closure of Minnesota restaurants and bars to dine-in customers and also ordered the temporary closure of places of public accommodation and amusement, including but not limited to: theatres, museums, fitness centers, and community clubs; and Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, clubs, and other places of public accommodation that offer alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption until April 10, 2020. On March 18, Governor Walz signed Executive Order 20-08 clarifying that Executive order 20-04 also applied to salons, barbershops and other similar establishments.

On March 25, Governor Walz signed Executive Order 20-20 directing Minnesotans to stay at home and allowed only essential workers to go to work. This order has been extended until May 4, 2020.

On April 8, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-33 which extended Executive Order 20-04 until May 4, 2020. These Executive Orders have partially or fully closed or otherwise significantly impacted many Saint Paul Businesses.

Saint Paul businesses impacted by the Governor's Executive Orders contribute to the vitality of Saint Paul, provide employment opportunities and services to residents, grow the City's tax base, and increase our sense of community. Easing the burden on these businesses will assist them in survival and recovery and in turn assist the City in its recovery.

Many St. Paul Businesses who have been impacted by the Governors Executive Orders hold business licenses that they must renew annually and pay a fee. Reducing License fees for these businesses will assist them in the survival and recovery process.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, in an effort to ease the financial burden and aid in the recovery of Saint Paul businesses impacted by Minnesota Governor Walz's Executive Orders, do hereby issue the following Emergency Executive Order:

License holders for the license types listed below will be given:

A 25% one-time reduction on their next annual license fees.

A one-time, ninety-day extension of the due date for payment of their next renewal license fees for all license holders whose renewal date is before August 1, 2020.

This Executive Order applies to the following license types:

Bowling Centers

Cabaret - Class A

Cigarette/Tobacco-Product Shop

Dance or Rental Halls

Entertainment (A)

Entertainment (B)

Entertainment (C)

Gambling Location

Health/Sport Club

Health/Sport Club-Exercise Only Facility

Liquor - Microdistillery Cocktail Room

Liquor Catering (State Cater/City Liq)

Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less

Liquor On Sale - 101-180 Seats

Liquor On Sale - 181-290 Seats

Liquor On Sale - 2 AM Closing

Liquor On Sale - 291 or more Seats

Liquor On Sale - Theater

Liquor On Sale-Club 201-500 Mbrs - B

Liquor On Sale-Club 501-1000 Mbrs - C

Liquor On Sale-Club under 200 Mbrs - A

Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio)

Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk)

Malt On Sale (3.2)

Malt On Sale (Brewery Taproom)

Malt On Sale (Strong)

Massage Center - A (Commercial)

Massage Center - B (Home Location)

Massage Practitioner

Recycling Collection Center

Recycling Processing Center

Tanning Facility

Theaters and Movie Theaters

Wine On Sale

I FURTHER REQUEST, that the Saint Paul City Council take immediate action by Ordinance to extend this Emergency Executive Order for 1 year so all impacted businesses will receive both a 25% reduction of their next annual license fee, and businesses with annual license fees due prior to August 1, 2020 will receive a ninety-day extension of the next due date of those fees.

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.

May 2020 (2020-9 through 2020-13)