

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2020-037**

*Emergency Order Imposing a Curfew*

WHEREAS, Covid-19 continues to aggressively spread across the state with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("SCDHEC") confirming the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in South Carolina, which indicates a significantly increasing risk of exposure and infection to City of Columbia residents and creating an extreme public health risk; and,

WHEREAS, as of April 8, 2020, there were 2,552 confirmed cases throughout the State of South Carolina, 372 cases in Richland County and 128 cases in Lexington County and 63 deaths statewide; and,

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that we all continue to work together to decrease the widespread proliferation of Covid-19 among us all now rather than suffer the unfortunate and devastating consequences later; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 9th day of April, 2020 that a daily curfew is hereby established beginning Friday, April 10, 2020 restricting travel and gatherings from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. with the exception of persons traveling to and from work and for healthcare; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that during the curfew, the following persons are exempted and free to travel to carry out their duties: police officers, firefighters, active duty military, health care providers, essential government personnel, and public works and utility workers employed by any public utility, the City of Columbia, the Counties of Richland and Lexington, the State of South Carolina and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this emergency ordinance shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment of this ordinance.

Requested by:

Mayor

Mayor

Approved by:

City Manager

Approved as to form:

T. A. Knox

City Attorney

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Introduced: 4/9/2020  
Final Reading: 4/9/2020