

ORDINANCE NO: 2020-044

*An Emergency Ordinance extending the temporary suspension of operating procedures of
City Council Meetings and City Boards and Commissions Meetings*

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No.: 2020-027 enacted on March 10, 2020, the Mayor and City Council temporarily suspended the normal operating procedures of City Council meetings to allow for the Mayor and Council members to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication, which ordinance would automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment being May 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No.: 2020-032 enacted on March 17, 2020, the Mayor and City Council temporarily suspended the normal operating procedures of the City of Columbia Boards and Commissions meetings to allow for the members to participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication, which ordinance would automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment being May 17, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2 (the Coronavirus) the virus that causes the disease COVID-19 is responsible for an outbreak that began in Wuhan, China, and continues to be a serious public health concern; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is still in the public interest to protect public health and the general welfare of the public to extend the temporary suspension of normal operating procedures of City Council and City Boards and Commissions meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is working with other government agencies in an effort to prevent the spread of the disease; and,


WHEREAS, Sec. 2-86 of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia allows for the adoption of emergency ordinances on one reading without notice or hearing by affirmative two-thirds of the members present, and shall expire automatically on the 61st day following enactment; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 7th day of May, 2020, that the City of Columbia extends the temporary suspension of the normal operating procedures of City Council and City Boards and Commissions meetings and allows for the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members and Commission Members to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this emergency ordinance to temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of City Council and City Boards and Commissions meetings 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: 5/7/2020
Final Reading: 5/7/2020