

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2020-048**

*Emergency Order to Extend the Temporary Closing of all Public Parks and Facilities to  
Protect the Health, Safety and Welfare of our Residents and Visitors*

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No.: 2020-029 enacted on March 17, 2020, the Mayor and City Council temporarily closed all public parks and facilities due to concerns regarding COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2 (the Coronavirus) the virus that causes the disease COVID-19 continues to be a serious public health concern; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds that it is still in the public interest of our citizens and visitors to take precautionary measures to prevent the continued spread of this virus by extending the temporarily closing all public parks and facilities to insure the health, safety and welfare of our residents and visitors; 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 IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 12th day of May, 2020 to extend the temporary closing and use of all City parks and facilities; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this emergency ordinance to extend the temporary closing of all parks and facilities 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 \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

Introduced: 5/12/2020

Final Reading: 5/12/2020

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk