

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2020-059

*City of Columbia Policy Statement on Social Distancing*

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia ("Council") recognize the severe impact that business closings, stay home orders and social distancing has had on the citizens, businesses and non-profits throughout Columbia due to the COVID-19 health crisis; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognizes the importance of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Columbia and the importance of local businesses and non-profits ability to survive the impact of COVID-19 for the long-term stability and vitality of the region is to reopen businesses and bring employees back to work; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the statewide lifting of mandatory stay home orders and some restrictions on type of and how businesses may operate, the Mayor and Council would encourage citizens, businesses, non-profits and their employees to implement procedures to insure the protection of their families, employees and customers as businesses resume operations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 7th day of May, 2020, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina that to insure the health, safety and welfare of all citizens and visitors of the City of Columbia that citizens, businesses and non-profits are encouraged to adopt and adhere to CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) and implement the following practices:

- Screening viral RNA testing, repeat testing and ongoing monitoring of employees;
- Program surveillance to include monitoring of clinical symptoms and daily temperatures of employees;
- Workplace safety measures and distancing;
- Enhanced disinfection of shared surfaces
- Appropriate use of PPE in confined areas;
- Appropriate sick-leave policy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to remain safe we continue to work together as one community to slow the spread of COVID-19 by the continued incorporation of social distancing, personal hygiene and safety measures into our daily lives.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

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