

RESOLUTION NO. 201025

Directing the City Manager to conduct a study and create a list of potential permit and other fee reductions that if deferred, lowered or waived for locally owned Kansas City businesses and other small businesses will help those businesses struggling to make ends meet because of the COVID-19 pandemic and to report back to Council within thirty days.

WHEREAS, a proclamation declaring a state of emergency (the “Third Amended Proclamation”) and an accompanying order (the “Eleventh Amended Order”) are in effect in the City of Kansas City to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 presents a substantial threat to the health of Kansas Citizens and the Greater Kansas City area communities of Missouri and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled rise in COVID-19 infections has created a dangerously low number of available physical acute care beds in local hospital facilities and significant staffing shortages for health personnel; and

WHEREAS, the most recent White House Coronavirus Task Force reports for Missouri and Kansas advise limiting indoor dining and drinking at restaurants and taverns by reducing capacities and restricting hours until COVID-19 infections markedly decrease; and

WHEREAS, the regional Health Directors recommended a series of temporary measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our region; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2020, the Kansas City Health Department confirmed 18,226 total cases of COVID-19 illness in Kansas City, with 1,279 cases confirmed the prior week, and 246 deaths from the COVID-19 illness in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the Eleventh Amended Order, issued by Mayor Lucas on November 16, 2020, limited capacity and hours of operation at restaurants, taverns, and other locations where food and drinks are served and also requires the wearing of masks; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is directed to conduct a study and create a list of potential permit and other fee reductions that if deferred, lowered or waived for locally owned Kansas City businesses and other small businesses will help those businesses struggling to make ends meet because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Section. That the City Manager shall present the study and accompanying list of proposed reductions to the full Council within thirty days from the effective date of this resolution.



Authenticated as Passed



Quinton Lucas, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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Date Passed