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COUNCIL BILL 2021- 099

GENERAL ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE

1 REPEALING General Ordinance 6585 titled "Suspending enforcement of portions of
2 sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the Zoning Ordinance."
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5 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Springfield, declared a
6 civil emergency in response to the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19")
7 pandemic; and
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9 WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, City Council, by its passage of General Ordinance
10 6585, suspended the enforcement of the "neighborhood meeting" requirements found at
11 sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the Zoning Ordinance to further the public health
12 goal of limiting person to person contact; and
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14 WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021, City Council, by its passage of General Ordinance
15 6646, adopted amendments to General Ordinance 6628 that, effective April 16, 2021,
16 will increase the participant limits on mass gatherings and recommend, rather than
17 require, physical distancing; and
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19 WHEREAS, City Council finds that enforcing the requirement for neighborhood
20 meetings for certain development cases is consistent with the City's actions to loosen
21 COVID-19 restrictions as certain public health metrics are met.
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23 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
24 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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26 Section 1 – General Ordinance 6585, attached hereto as "Exhibit A," is hereby
27 repealed in its entirety.
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29 Section 2 – This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon
30 passage.
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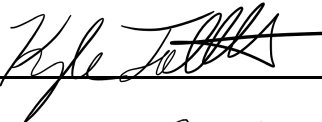
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Mayor

Attest: _____, City Clerk

Filed as Ordinance: _____

Approved as to form: , Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council action: , City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2021- 099

FILED: 04-13-21

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development

PURPOSE: To repeal General Ordinance 6585 which suspended the requirements for neighborhood meetings contained in sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the Zoning Ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Springfield declared a civil emergency in response to the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic. In addition, the Springfield City Council adopted Special Ordinance 27293 on that same day. Said Ordinance prohibited certain public gatherings and authorized the Mayor to issue additional orders amending which public gatherings are prohibited during the pendency of the civil emergency declaration.

On March 17, 2020, the Mayor issued a further order amending which public gatherings are prohibited. On April 6, 2020, the City Council adopted General Ordinance 6585 which suspended the enforcement of the neighborhood meeting requirements found at sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the Zoning Ordinance. Certain development cases, including rezonings, planned developments, street vacations, conditional use permits, and Type 2 short-term rentals require an applicant to conduct an in-person meeting with interested neighbors. General Ordinance 6585 suspended the enforcement of that requirement due to concerns of transmitting COVID-19 by person-to-person contact.

On April 5, 2021, City Council adopted amendments to General Ordinance 6628. These amendments include increasing the participant limits on mass gatherings and recommending rather than requiring physical distancing. The amendments will be effective April 16, 2021. Re-instituting the requirement for neighborhood meetings for certain development cases is consistent with the City’s actions to “step out” of COVID-19 restrictions as certain public health metrics are met. Interested parties to development cases will still have the option of submitting comment cards to Planning and Development staff if they are unable or do not want to attend the required neighborhood meeting.

Submitted and Recommended by:

Approved by:



Mary Lilly Smith, Director



Jason Gage, City Manager

Exhibit A

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First Reading: April 6, 2020 Second Reading:

COUNCIL BILL 2020- 065 GENERAL ORDINANCE 6585

AN ORDINANCE

1 SUSPENDING enforcement of portions of sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the
2 Zoning Ordinance; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City
3 Charter section 2.12; for the purpose of limiting public gatherings
4 during the Mayor’s declaration of civil emergency.
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8 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Springfield, declared a
9 civil emergency in response to the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”)
10 pandemic; and

11 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Springfield City Council, by its passage of
12 Special Ordinance 27293, prohibited certain public gatherings of 50 or more persons;
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15 WHEREAS, Special Ordinance 27293 authorized the Mayor, during the duration
16 of the declaration of civil emergency, to issue additional orders amending which public
17 gatherings are prohibited; and

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19 WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor did issue an order prohibiting public
20 gatherings of 10 or more persons; and

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22 WHEREAS, because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, City Council desires
23 to suspend the enforcement of the “neighborhood meeting” requirements found at
24 sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the Zoning Ordinance; and

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26 WHEREAS, City Council finds that suspending these requirements for the
27 duration of the Mayor’s declaration of civil emergency, or any amendment thereto,
28 furthers the important public health goal of limiting person to person contact; and

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30 WHEREAS, City Council finds that the suspension of these requirements for the
31 duration of the Mayor’s declaration of civil emergency, or any amendment thereto, does
32 not prohibit interested parties from utilizing other avenues of communication to express
33 their opinions to City Council; and

34 WHEREAS, City Council finds that the enactment of this Ordinance constitutes
35 an emergency pursuant to City Charter section 2.12 in that continued public gatherings
36 will facilitate the spread of COVID-19.

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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
39 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:


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41 Section 1 – City Council hereby suspends, and directs the City Manager to
42 suspend, enforcement of section 36-368(9) of the Zoning Ordinance. All other
43 provisions of City Code shall remain in effect provided they are not inconsistent with this
44 Ordinance.

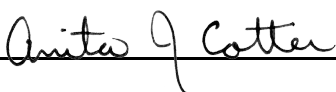
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46 Section 2 – City Council hereby suspends, and directs the City Manager to
47 suspend, enforcement of sections 36-473(2)(e)2, 36-473(2)(e)3, 36-473(2)(e)4, 36-
48 473(e)5, 36-473(e)6, & 36-473(e)7 of the Zoning Ordinance. All other provisions of City
49 Code shall remain in effect provided they are not inconsistent with this Ordinance.

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51 Section 3 – The suspension authorized by this Ordinance shall remain in effect
52 for the duration of the Mayor’s declaration of civil emergency, or any amendment or
53 extension thereto.

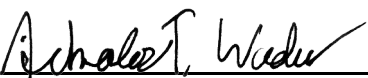
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55 Section 4 – City Council hereby finds and declares that an emergency exists in
56 that public gatherings will facilitate the spread of COVID-19 and therefore this
57 Ordinance relates to the preservation of public health and safety pursuant to section
58 2.12 of the City Charter and may be passed in one reading. This Ordinance shall be in
59 full force and effect from and after passage.

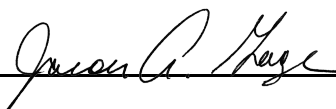
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61 Passed at meeting: April 6, 2020

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64 Mayor

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66 Attest: , City Clerk

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68 Filed as Ordinance: April 6, 2020

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71 Approved as to form: , Assistant City Attorney

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74 Approved for Council action: , City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2020-065

FILED: 03-17-20

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Law

PURPOSE: To suspend enforcement of portions of sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the Zoning Ordinance; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter section 2.12; for the purpose of limiting public gatherings during the Mayor's declaration of civil emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Springfield, declared a civil emergency in response to the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic. In addition, the Springfield City Council adopted Special Ordinance 27293 on that same day. Said Ordinance prohibited certain public gatherings and authorized the Mayor to issue additional orders amending which public gathering are prohibited during the pendency of the civil emergency declaration.

On March 17, 2020, the Mayor issued a further order amending which public gatherings are prohibited. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic City Council desires to suspend the enforcement of the "neighborhood meeting" requirements found at sections 36-368(9) and 36-473(e) of the Zoning Ordinance. Some development review cases require the applicant to conduct an in-person meeting with interested neighbors. Given the concerns of transmitting COVID-19 by person to person contact, this Ordinance would suspend those portions of the Zoning Ordinance which require a neighborhood meeting. Interested parties still have the option of submitting comment cards to Planning and Development staff.

This Ordinance is drafted as an emergency measure given the ongoing public health pandemic. It may be adopted with only one-reading.

Submitted by:

Approved by:



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Jason Gage, City Manager

Recommended by:



Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney