

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE CITY OF GREER COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE GREER CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND MAYOR TO TAKE ACTIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF GREER IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, these matters have taken many forms across the nation including travel bans, school closures, individual quarantines, and cancellation of major events, among other measures; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, imposed a ban of in-restaurant dining and encouraged and recommended curbside and takeout services at restaurants throughout the State of South Carolina due to the Covid-19 outbreak effective March 18, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-250(d) of the South Carolina Code of Laws and Greer City Ordinance Sec. 2-77 empowers Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, or safety; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, Greer City Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this emergency ordinance in order to: (a) temporarily suspend the normal operating

procedures of Greer City Council; (b) to authorize the Greer City Administrator and Mayor to take actions they deem necessary to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services and to provide for the health and safety of the citizens of Greer; and (c) authorize the Greer City Administrator to revoke special events permits for a temporary period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Greer, in Council assembled, that:

1. The City of Greer temporarily suspends the normal operating procedures of City Council meetings and hereby allows for the Mayor and Councilmembers to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication provided that the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act are complied with.
2. Action by council may be taken as long as a quorum is present even if some or all of the council members are not physically present, but are participating remotely by telephone or other means of electronic communication.
3. All deadlines imposed by City Ordinance, applicable to the municipality or applicant, shall be suspended, during this temporary period.
4. The City Administrator is authorized to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.
5. The City Administrator is authorized to make emergency purchases to prevent interruption of a city project or service consistent with Greer City Ordinance Sec. 2-295.
6. The City Administrator is authorized to cancel and revoke any special events permits issued prior to the date of this ordinance for events taking place until May 24, 2020.
7. The Mayor is authorized to establish a mandatory or voluntary curfew, which shall restrict travel and public gatherings from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. with the exception of persons traveling to and from work and for medical treatment; for banking operations; police officers; firefighters; active duty military; health care providers; public works and utility workers employed by any public utility; and, any government employee in the performance of their job duties.
8. This emergency ordinance shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment of this ordinance, whichever date is earlier.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED THIS 24th DAY OF March, 2020.

This Ordinance shall be effective from the date of first and final reading.

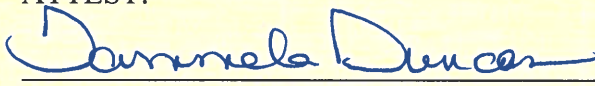
Introduced: Councilmember Jay Arrowood

Final Reading: March 24, 2020

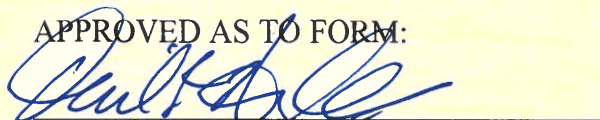
CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: 
Rick W. Danner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Daniel R. Hughes, City Attorney