



ORDINANCE 14-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE CITY OF GREER BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS; 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, the Governor of the State of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, issued numerous executive orders since March 11, 2020, including, an imposed a ban of in-restaurant dining throughout the State of South Carolina; declaring a public health emergency; the closure of all public schools through April 30, 2020; directing a fourteen (14) day self-quarantine for individuals entering South Carolina from an area with substantial community spread of Covid-19; the closure of public beaches, piers and boat landings; and, the closure of non-essential businesses.

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 temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of City of Greer Boards and Commission Meetings 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 of Greer Boards and Commission Meetings and allows for Members of Boards and Commissions 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 Boards and Commissions may be taken as long as a quorum is present even if some or all of the Members are not physically present, but are participating remotely by telephone or other means of electronic communication.
3. 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.

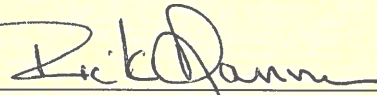
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED THIS 14th DAY OF April, 2020.

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


Introduced: Councilmember Wryley Bettis

First and Final Reading: April 14, 2020

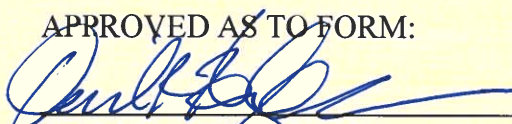
CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: 
Rick W. Danner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Daniel R. Hughes, City Attorney