

RESCISSION OF FOURTEENTH AMENDED ORDER 20-01

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, a proclamation of a state of emergency was issued to allow the City of Kansas City to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Kansas City residents, along with an accompanying order; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 14 months, fourteen amended COVID-19 orders were issued; and

WHEREAS, in December 2020, COVID-19 vaccine distribution began in Kansas City, Missouri and as of May 14, 2021, close to 46 percent of all Kansas Citians over the age of 18, 75 percent of Kansas Citians 65 and over, and almost 40 percent of Missourians have received at least one vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID cases and hospitalizations in Kansas City has dropped steadily and the weekly average for new COVID-19 cases is the lowest in seven months; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced guidance declaring fully vaccinated individuals no longer needed to wear face masks; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Kansas City followed CDC guidance to ensure clarity and effective public health guidance for Kansas Citians; however, current CDC guidance envisions regulators have knowledge of who is vaccinated and who is not when entering an establishment, which they do not; and

WHEREAS, imposing or maintaining an order with penalties for non-compliance that is impossible for our businesses to follow is not in the best interests of Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, unlike earlier this calendar year, the availability of various COVID-19 vaccines in Kansas City, Missouri and the surrounding community is high; and

WHEREAS, The City of Kansas City thanks the many healthcare professionals, public safety professionals, other individuals, and our business community who worked hard and kept us all safe over the past fourteen months, saving countless lives; and

WHEREAS, all citizens in Kansas City, Missouri should be proud of the collective steps taken to protect our community's health; NOW, THEREFORE:

IT IS SO ORDERED:

The Fourteenth Amended Order which took effect at 12:01 a.m. on April 30, 2021, is rescinded at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on May 14, 2021.

Authenticated as Adopted

This 14th day of May, 2021

Quinton D. Lucas

Mayor

City Clerk

Filed with me, the City Clerk of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, this ______ day of May, 2021, by Mayor Quinton D. Lucas, whose signature I hereby attest.