

**CITY OF ST. ROBERT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING AND
VOTE TO CLOSE PART OF THE MEETING**

DATE POSTED: March 23, 2020

TIME POSTED: 4:30 P.M.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. ROBERT, MISSOURI WILL
CONDUCT A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AT 4:30 P.M. ON
MARCH 24, 2020 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. ROBERT
CITY HALL**

THE TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER AND CERTIFY A QUORUM

2. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

2.1 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF
EMERGENCY RISING FROM THE IMMINENT THREAT OF THE SPREAD OF THE
2019 NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19), EMPOWERING THE MAYOR TO TAKE
CERTAIN ACTIONS AND FIXING AND EFFECTIVE DATE

3. VOTE TO CLOSE MEETING:

Meeting Is Being Closed Pursuant to Missouri Law Chapter 610.021 to Include:

3.1 Legal-Section 1

3.2 Real Estate-Section 2

3.3 Personnel-Section 3

4. REOPEN MEETING

5. ADJOURN MEETING

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BILL NUMBER _____

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY RISING FROM THE IMMINENT THREAT OF THE SPREAD OF THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), EMPOWERING THE MAYOR TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND FIXING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Robert, Missouri, finds as follows:

1. On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact training, and prevention of onward spread of disease.
2. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global pandemic.
3. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States and have issued guidance with extraordinary policies and procedures to protect public health and welfare.
4. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak.
5. On March 13, 2020, Missouri Governor Michael L. Parson signed Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency in Missouri in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
6. On March 19, 2020, the Pulaski County Commission declared an emergency in the County to combat the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
7. A county wide declaration of emergency provides the City the ability to take measures to reduce exposure to the disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of St. Robert residents.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Robert as follows:

- SECTION 1:** This Ordinance is passed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 79.370 and 79.380 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
- SECTION 2:** The Board of Aldermen specifically finds that contamination by the operation of the businesses set forth in this Ordinance represent a threat to the public health.
- SECTION 3:** The actions set forth are established to prevent introduction of the coronavirus (COVID-19), a contractible disease, into the City, the abatement of that disease, and for the establishment and enforcement of quarantine laws.

SECTION 4: Beginning immediately, social gatherings whether private or public, planned or spontaneous, be restricted to no more than 10 people. All places of public accommodation shall institute appropriate health and safety protections, including social distancing techniques (e.g., requiring people to be at least six (6) feet apart; reducing the number of employees, customers, or other people present; reducing face-to-face contact; using phone calls, virtual meetings, and drop-offs/curbside pickups rather than in-person contact).

SECTION 5: Beginning at 12:01 A.M. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, the following places of public accommodation are to be closed to entering, exiting, use, and occupancy by members of the public as outlined below:

a. Restaurants, food establishments, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverages for on-premises consumption; and

b. Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, vineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

c. Parks, recreation centers, community centers, and aquatic centers.

(The exceptions are governmental and judicial functions, health care facilities, grocery stores, pharmacies, religious or faith-based activities, weddings and funerals.)

SECTION 6: Every place of public accommodation described in Section 5 is encouraged to offer food and beverage service to the public using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, so long as every such person involved implements appropriate precautions to decrease the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing techniques.

SECTION 7: In offering food or beverage services, every place of public accommodation described in Section 5 or the subparagraphs thereto, may accommodate up to ten (10) members of the public at one time for the purpose of picking up their food or beverage orders, as long as any member of the public is at least six (6) feet apart from other people while on the premises. The City of St. Robert shall not enforce any provision of an ordinance point or other restriction that would, as applied to this specific circumstance, prohibit an existing restaurant or bar from providing delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service during the state of emergency.

SECTION 8: This Order shall NOT apply to any of the following, in addition to the above exceptions:

- a. Places of public accommodation that offer food and beverage service that is not for on-premises consumption (e.g., the sale of food or beverages at grocery stores, markets, retail stores of wineries, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries), except that any portion of the premises that is available for on-premises consumption of food or beverages will comply.
- b. Health care facilities, mental health facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, adult detention facilities and juvenile justice facilities; and
- c. Crisis shelters or similar institutions.

SECTION 9: Nothing shall prohibit an employee, contractor, vendor, or supplier of a place of public accommodation from entering, exiting, using, or occupying a place of public accommodation in their professional capacity.

SECTION 10: Businesses that can operate by phone, email or electronic communication of any type can operate so long as employees utilize the standards for “social distancing” established by federal, state and local health agencies.

SECTION 11: Video conferencing may be utilized at any regular Board of Alderman meetings to establish a quorum for purposes of voting.

SECTION 12: The Mayor or City Administrator may suspend budgetary or spending restrictions in their discretion, as required to deal with this emergency.

SECTION 13: The Mayor is authorized to suspend the operation of this ordinance by written proclamation if in his opinion such suspension is in the interests of the public.

SECTION 14: The Mayor in his discretion, if in need to protect the public, can invoke by public proclamation, the following:

I. Individuals

All individuals living within the City of St. Robert are ordered to remain at home except as needed for the following activities:

- a. To perform tasks essential to the health and safety of individuals, their family, household members and pets, such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies necessary to work from home.
- b. To obtain or deliver necessary food, services or supplies for themselves, household members or others necessary to maintain safety and sanitation.

- c. Outdoor walking or exercise provided they maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person.
- d. Going to work wherein allowed.

II. Businesses and Governmental Operations

All businesses are allowed to maintain the value of inventory and infrastructure, provide security, process payroll or employee benefits, or facilitate employees working remotely, but are required to cease all other activities.

The following businesses, not-for-profits, institutions, are exempt from the above requirements:

- a. Healthcare facilities and businesses that produce or provide medical care, supplies or medicine;
- b. Grocery stores, convenience stores, or other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food or other household consumer products;
- c. Restaurants and bars, but only for pickup/curbside/carry-out/take-out/delivery;
- d. Businesses, non-for-profits, or institutions that ship or deliver groceries, food, or goods;
- e. Businesses, not-for-profits, or institutions that provide food, shelter, utilities, social services or other necessities;
- f. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
- g. Food and beverage wholesaling, storage, warehousing, and distribution businesses;
- h. Newspapers, television, radio and other media;
- i. Gas stations, vehicle-supply, vehicle-repair, and related facilities;
- j. Banks and financial institutions;
- k. Hardware stores;
- l. Businesses, not-for-profits, or institutions providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
- m. Laundromats and laundry service providers;

- n. Transportation services including rental, taxis and rideshares;
- o. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- p. Facilities and shelters for adults and children;
- q. Long-term care facilities;
- r. Hotels and other commercial lodging;
- s. Professional services (e.g. accountants, lawyers, engineers);
- t. Construction;
- u. Childcare facilities providing services to first responders, and all emergency personnel;
- v. Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for exempt businesses;
- w. Federal, state, and local government; and
- x. Such other exceptions as I may specifically designate.

SECTION 15: The Mayor may invoke or grant exemption to the authority granted by Section 14 above.

SECTION 16: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and approval and will be reviewed by the Board of Alderman on or before April 6, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDAINED.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Read three times and approved by the Mayor on March 24, 2020.

Mayor