

BILL NO. 20-12

ORDINANCE NO. 4.512

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CERTAIN TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE CITY MANAGER RELATED TO FEES AND DEADLINES FOR BUSINESS LICENSES, DEVELOPMENT PLANS, BUILDING PERMITS, AND LIQUOR LICENSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a National Emergency. On March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Missouri declared the COVID-19 outbreak a State Emergency; and

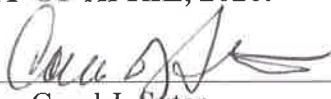
WHEREAS, the passage of this Ordinance is hereby found and determined to be in the best interest of the City, in order to provide for the public's health, safety, and welfare, and to ensure efficient and effective continuity of City government operations and delivery of City services.

SECTION 1 – GRANT OF AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding any City Ordinance, policy, or regulation to the contrary, the City Manager is granted the authority to do any of the following actions as determined to be in the best interests of the City:

- A. Waive, modify, or suspend the operation of any City Ordinance requirements regarding the issuance of any license or permit, including but not limited to business licenses, development plans, building permits, or liquor licenses.

SECTION 2 – EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval and shall remain so until expiration of the Public Health Orders.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



Mayor Carol J. Suter

Attest:



Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

First Reading: April 27, 2020

Second Reading: April 27, 2020



Request for Council Action

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Date: 4/22/2020

Department: General Administration

Meeting Date Requested: 4/27/2020

Public Hearing: Yes Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: Granting certain temporary and emergency powers to the City Manager related to fees and deadlines for business licenses, development plans, building permits, and liquor licenses.

Background: On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a National Emergency and the Governor of the State of Missouri declared COVID-19 a State Emergency. Business and Liquor Licenses are due for renewal by June 30 annually. The past few weeks have been unprecedented and have created challenges and hardships for many in our business community. The City is working hard to assist our businesses during this difficult time by making our liquor renewal year align with the State of Missouri; as the State of Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control has issued an Emergency Waiver for Liquor License Renewals. Staff proposes to follow these same guidelines as far as extending the liquor renewal date by two months. Therefore, liquor renewals will be due by August 31, 2020. The City will not be charging late fees at this time. Fiscal year 2020 liquor licenses that are set to expire on June 30, 2020, will now extend until August 31, 2020. This is an extension of the current active license. The City will not reissue licenses to reflect the extended expiration date. All active liquor licenses with an expiration date of June 30, 2020, shall remain displayed and recognized as valid through August 31, 2020, and can be verified by the City of Gladstone.

Similarly, business licenses are traditionally due on July 1. Staff proposes to extend these licenses through August 31st without penalty. We hope these two actions help support our business community.

Budget Discussion: Funds are budgeted in the amount of \$ 0 from the N/A Fund. Ongoing costs are estimated to be \$ 0 annually. Previous years' funding was \$

Public/Board/Staff Input: The City Manager should be granted the authority to waive, modify, or suspend the issuance of any license, development plans, building permits, or liquor licenses during this crisis to assist our business community.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor

Scott Wingerson
Department Director/Administrator

City Attorney

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City Manager