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AN ORDINANCE

REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-11, ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CALLING AND HOLDING EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND, FURTHER, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 (coronavirus);

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, in response to the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency, City Manager Kathleen Hodgson declared a State of local disaster in accordance with her authority under L.M.C. Section 1.27.060(D);

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, in support of the City Manager's declaration of local disaster, the City Council of the City of Lakewood adopted Emergency Ordinance 2020-11 establishing rules and procedures for calling and holding Emergency City Council meetings and declared a state of local health emergency;

WHEREAS, since March 2020, the City of Lakewood has operated pursuant to Ordinance 2020-11, and subsequent motions to extend the City Manager's Emergency Declaration;

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, Governor Polis ended the State's pandemic declaration of a state of health emergency;

WHEREAS, in conformance with the recent action of the Governor, the City Council of the City of Lakewood desires to rescind its emergency declaration as set forth in Ordinance 2020-11;

WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance on first reading is intended only to confirm that the City Council desires to comply with the Lakewood Municipal Code by setting a public hearing to provide City staff and the public an opportunity to present evidence and testimony regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance on first reading does not constitute a representation that the City Council, or any member of the City Council, supports, approves, rejects or denies the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 2020-11, establishing rules and procedures for calling and holding emergency city council meetings and, further, declaring an emergency, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final publication.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance should be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid portion, provided that such remaining portions or application of this Ordinance are not determined by the court to be inoperable.

I hereby attest and certify that the within and foregoing ordinance was introduced and read on first reading at a virtual regular meeting of the Lakewood City Council on the 26th day of July, 2021; published by title in the Denver Post and in full on the City of Lakewood's website, www.lakewood.org, on the 29th day of July, 2021; set for public hearing to be held on the 9th day of August, 2021, read, finally passed and adopted by the City Council on the 9th day of August, 2021 and, signed by the Mayor on the _____ day of August, 2021.

Adam Paul, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bruce Roome, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney