

STAFF MEMO

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 26, 2021 / AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney

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

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The City Council should rescind Ordinance 2020-11 declaring a State of Emergency and establishing rules and procedures for calling and holding emergency City Council Meetings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 10, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 (coronavirus). 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). However, Section 1.27.060(D) limits the duration of a local disaster declaration issued by the City Manager to no longer than seven days. Therefore, in support of the City Manager's declaration, on March 23, 2020, the City Council of the City of Lakewood adopted Ordinance 2020-11. Ordinance 2020-11 established rules and procedures for calling and holding Emergency City Council meetings and, further, declared a state of local health emergency. Since that time the City of Lakewood has operated pursuant to Ordinance 2020-11, and subsequent motions to extend the City Manager's Emergency Declaration. On July 8, 2021, Governor Polis ended the State's pandemic declaration of a state of health emergency. In response to the Governor's most recent action Staff is requesting that the City Council rescind Ordinance 2020-11 and take no further action to extend the City Manager's declaration.

BUDGETARY IMPACTS: This item has no associated budget impact.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends City Council consider repealing Ordinance 2020-11.

ALTERNATIVES: City Council may elect to not repeal Ordinance 2020-11.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: This item has been promoted through the regular channels for an item coming before City Council for consideration.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance 2021-21
Ordinance 2020-11

REVIEWED BY: Kathleen E. Hodgson, City Manager
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