

ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance extending certain tax and licensing deadlines established by local law; providing for the continuation of emergency procurement procedures; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on Friday March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a Public Health State Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020 and has extended that State of Emergency through May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government grants to this Council the power to protect the safety, health, peace, security and general welfare of the inhabitants of the consolidated government, Charter of the Consolidated Government Columbus, Georgia (hereinafter, "Columbus Charter") § 3.104(2); and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Charter also grants to the Council the power to determine that a state of emergency exists due to a natural disaster and adopt an ordinance addressing the emergency without a second reading of that Ordinance, Columbus Charter § 3-201(3); and

WHEREAS, there were several locally mandated business and tax deadlines that were extended by Ordinance No.20-010 because they might cause financial hardships on local citizens and prevent their efforts to self-isolate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to further extend those business and tax deadlines set by local law and extend the authorization to use emergency procurement procedures due to the continuation the Public Health state of emergency in the State of Georgia.

NOW THEREFORE, in a public and regularly called meeting, held in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(g), the Mayor and Columbus Council declare and ordain as follows:

Section 1.

The Mayor and Council adopt and make the findings discussed in the "Whereas" paragraphs the factual findings of the Council.

Section 2.

The Mayor and Council suspend the bid and competitive portions of the City's Procurement Policy and authorize the City Manager to utilize the single-source policy and to require departments to provide a written justification for the procurement until May 30, 2020.

Section 3.

The April 1 deadline for obtaining business licenses and paying any business occupational tax as required by Columbus Code Sections 19-47 and 19-53 which was previously extended by Ordinance No. 20-010 to May 1, 2020 is hereby extended by an additional thirty days to June 1, 2020.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage by the Mayor and Council and shall expire by its own terms as noted in each section above.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 28th day of April, 2020; and adopted at said meeting after one reading in accordance with Section 3-201(3) by the affirmative vote of ____ members of Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor House	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Thompson	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor