CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AMEND LAUREL CITY CODE CHAPTER 18, SECTION 21, NUISANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of Laurel adopted Ordinance Number 1980 on July 26, 2021, approving a recodification of the ordinances for the City of Laurel City Code; and;

WHEREAS, The City Code includes Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, establishing laws and rules for safe occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to amend local building regulations to allow for certain Department Directors to declare an Emergency Closure of a property to avoid an immediate threat to public safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council that the Laurel City Code, Chapter 18, Section 21, is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 18

SECTION 18-21- NUISANCE

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(c) Nothing in this section prohibits the City from taking any emergency action for the summary closure of such property/business when it is necessary to avoid an immediate threat to public welfare and safety. The Director of FMPS, fire marshal, chief building official, or the Chief of Police. may take summary action to close the property/business without complying with the notification provisions in paragraph b of this Code but shall provide such notice as is reasonable under the circumstances and shall immediately take all appropriate steps to obtain judicial ratification of the closure.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

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PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

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SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
CITY CLERK

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BRENCIS D. SMITH
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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CRAIG A. MOE
MAYOR

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