EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-10 (Rescinding EO 2022-5)

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on February 10, 2022, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

On March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.31, Subd. 2. That Executive Order has expired.

On March 15, 2020, Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter issued an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29; which the City Council consented to on March 17, 2020. This Emergency Declaration has been extended and remains in effect.

Saint Paul Legislative Code 13.06(c) gives the Mayor the authority to issue emergency executive orders and provides that "by like proclamation the mayor may modify or rescind any such regulation."

On January 13, 2022, I issued Emergency Executive Order 2022-5 requiring (with exceptions) that, any licensed business that is a space of public accommodation in the City of Saint Paul during any time that food and/or drink is sold or served indoors for consumption onsite limit admission of patrons to the area of the licensed premises where food and/or drink is being consumed, to only those persons who furnish proof of a completed vaccination series against COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test obtained within seventy-two (72) hours of entry.

Executive Order 2022-5 was necessary to address a surge in COVID-19 cases driven by the Delta and Omicron variants, identified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") as variants of concern. Current CDC data for Ramsey County over the past 7 days shows a 57.8% drop in cases, and a 37.89% decline in new hospital admissions.

These encouraging downward trends in case counts and hospital admissions, combined with 80% of residents ages 5 and up in Ramsey County having now received at least one dose of a vaccine, demonstrate our ongoing progress in this pandemic. As the City continues to monitor data with Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health, Executive Order 2022-3, regarding masking requirements at City-controlled facilities, and in businesses licensed by the City of Saint Paul remains in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby rescind Emergency Executive Order 2022-5, effective on February 10, 2022.

Signed: February 10 , 2022

Mayor Melvin Carter II