

## EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-18

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on March 14, 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 20-10 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19" pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.31, Subd. 2. This Declaration has now 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 Declaration has been extended and remains in effect.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control now determined the COVID Community Level in Ramsey County is Low as of March 10, 2022, based on COVID-19 hospital admissions, inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases in the past seven days; and

WHEREAS, due to the Low COVID Community Level in Ramsey County, on March 10, 2022, I signed EO 2022-17 rescinding EO 2022-14 relating to face coverings in City-Controlled Property; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present unprecedented and rapidly evolving challenges to our City, especially related to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the now 24-month public health emergency has impacted the residents and businesses of Saint Paul, causing an economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, many businesses are still utilizing and dependent on City COVID business support measures and removal of these business supports now would further harm these fragile and struggling businesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses continue to suffer the economic impacts of the pandemic and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 2 in 3 small businesses in Minnesota report at least a moderate negative impact on their business from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, leisure and hospitality are some of the hardest hit sectors; and

WHEREAS, according to a Pew Center survey published March 5, 2021, among those who say their financial situation has gotten worse during the pandemic, 44% think it will take them three years or more to get back to where they were a year ago – including about one-in-ten who don't think their finances will ever recover. Also, about half of workers who personally lost wages

during the pandemic (49%) are still earning less money than before the coronavirus outbreak started; and

WHEREAS, it remains necessary for the City to provide support to individuals and businesses alike to ensure that Saint Paul recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic disaster; and

Saint Paul Leg. Code Chapter 13.06(b) provides that, “whenever necessary to meet an emergency ... the mayor may by executive order promulgate regulations ... for which adequate regulations have not been adopted ... respecting the conduct of persons and the use of property during emergencies; the repair, maintenance and safeguarding of essential public services; emergency health, fire and safety regulations; and all other matters which are required to protect public safety, health and welfare in emergencies”.

During the course of the Declared Emergency, I have issued Executive Orders relating to Food Halls, and the original basis for this order has not changed:

- Executive Order 2020-33 (Food Halls)

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby extend the following Emergency Executive Order:

- Executive Order 2020-33 (Food Halls)

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, the above listed Executive Order remains in effect upon my signature and, if not sooner rescinded or later extended, shall expire at the end of forty (40) days after the effective date or at the end of the declared local emergency to which they relate, whichever occurs first.

Signed: March 14, 2022

  
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Mayor Melvin Carter III