

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-11

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on February 14, 2022, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-10 declaring a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response. This Executive Order has expired; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, I issued an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 12.29, which the City Council consented to on March 17, 2020. This Declaration has been extended and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, even though the spread of COVID-19 has slowed over the past seven days, serious threats to the health and safety of persons and other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be felt in the City; and

WHEREAS, businesses continue to suffer the economic impacts of the COVID-19 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, in addition to action necessary to safeguard the health and safety of Saint Paul citizens, 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

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Legislative 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”; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the Declared Emergency, I issued Executive Order 2022-3 (face covering requirement indoors at City-controlled facilities and City-licensed businesses), and the original basis for this order has not changed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby extend Executive Order 2022-3 (face covering requirement indoors at City-controlled facilities and City-licensed businesses) without amendment.

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13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, this Executive Order is in immediate effect upon my signature and, if not sooner rescinded or later extended, shall expire at the end of forty (40) days after its effective date or at the end of the declared local emergency to which it relates,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

Signed: February 15, 2022



Mayor Melvin Carter III