

# RESOLUTION NO.

CITY OF PEORIA

Peoria, Illinois \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that the World Health Organization (WHO) characterized as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, since March 20, 2020, Governor Pritzker has issued two Executive Orders and Restore Illinois: A public Health Approach to Safely Reopen Our State, requiring Illinoisans to stay in their homes until May 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, these Executive Orders closed all non-essential businesses to the public, allowing them to operate with minimum business operations only through April, and the Executive Orders and Restore Illinois Plan allow non-essential businesses to open for phone and online orders with curbside pick-up or delivery but does not allow the public to be in the store through May or beyond; and

WHEREAS, many local small businesses, that only sold non-essential items were deemed non-essential and not allowed to stay open to the public; and

WHEREAS, many big box retailers who sold a mix of essential and non-essential goods were deemed essential businesses and allowed to remain open to the public giving them a competitive advantage over local small local businesses with their ability to allow the shopping public into their stores; and

WHEREAS, a commercial inconsistency exists by allowing big box stores and local small businesses to sell the same non-essential goods and products but big-box stores are allowed to be open to the public while local small businesses can only take phone or online orders; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that local small businesses can implement public health precautions in compliance with CDC guidelines similar to what big-box stores are currently enforcing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria values and appreciates its local small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City is dedicating to protecting the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in continuing supports of this effort, the City desires that the Governor review and revise his Executive Order and Plan to ensure that Peoria's local small businesses can operate in a manner consistent with what is being allowed by big-box stores.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into this Section 1 as if said recitals were fully set forth.

Section 2. The Corporation Counsel is hereby instructed to forward this Resolution to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as well as the Governor's office and provide any information requested by them to review the Council's request.

Section 3: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

Section 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Section 5. That this Resolution is being passed pursuant to the Home Rule Authority of the City of Peoria, as given by Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, as amended.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

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Corporation Counsel

