

1 Introduced by: Councilmember Kovar
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4 **CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

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6 **UNCODIFIED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**
7 **2021-27**
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9 **An uncodified Ordinance whereby the City of Takoma Park rescinds**
10 **Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-4.**
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12 **WHEREAS,** since March of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has required the City to alter the
13 way in which it operates; and
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15 **WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the City Council adopted Uncodified Emergency Ordinance
16 2020-4 to ensure the continued day-to-day operations of the city government
17 and to clearly identify the authority of the City Manager as already defined in
18 the City Charter; and
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20 **WHEREAS,** Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-4 confirmed the City Manager's
21 authority to take all appropriate and reasonable actions necessary to prevent
22 and/or reduce the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the efficient operation
23 of the City's government in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of
24 its residents; and
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26 **WHEREAS,** since January of 2021, COVID-19 vaccinations have become widely available
27 to which residents of the City have availed themselves; and
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29 **WHEREAS,** on May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released
30 guidance permitting fully vaccinated individuals to resume activities they did
31 prior to the pandemic and announced that fully vaccinated individuals are no
32 longer required to wear masks, absent any law or rule to the contrary; and
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34 **WHEREAS,** on May 15, 2021, Governor Larry J. Hogan, Jr., ended the statewide mask
35 mandate and lifted all capacity limits and restrictions, citing increased
36 vaccinations and decreased cases of COVID-19 across the State; and
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38 **WHEREAS,** although Governor Hogan renewed the State of Emergency on May 12, 2021,
39 it is the sense of the Council that City operations are returning to a level
40 commensurate with that which existed prior to the pandemic; and
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42 **WHEREAS,** Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-4 permits the Mayor and Council to
43 rescind, modify, or extend the same by a majority vote of those present; and
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46 **WHEREAS,** to the extent that Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-4 provided the City
47 Manager with additional authority, it is the sense of the Council that such
48 additional authority is no longer required; and
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50 **WHEREAS,** the City Manager still possesses the authority enumerated to the position in the
51 City Charter; and
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53 **WHEREAS,** the City still encourages individuals to observe all necessary health precautions
54 to prevent and or reduce the potential of spreading COVID-19 regardless of
55 whether they are vaccinated.
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57 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
58 **TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT** the Mayor and Council hereby rescind Uncodified
59 Emergency Ordinance 2020-4 as the circumstances surrounding its enactment since have subsided
60 to a degree in which Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-4 is no longer necessary.
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62 **THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, IS ADOPTED BY THE**
63 **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE,**
64 **2021, BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**
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66 **AYE:** Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seamens, Smith, Searcy

67 **NAY:** None

68 **ABSTAIN:** None

69 **ABSENT:** None