RESOLUTION 20-15

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF ORDINANCE 20-11

- WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Common Council passed <u>Ordinance 20-11</u>, which took the proactive step of suspending certain portions of the Bloomington Municipal Code during the ongoing public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus; and
- WHEREAS, the measures included in Ordinance 20-11 are set to expire on September 30, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, the public health emergency and the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as their impact on Bloomington's local economy, continue; and
- WHEREAS, Ordinance 20-11, by its own terms, stated that if "the declared disaster emergency for COVID-19 continues past September 30, 2020, the City Council, at its discretion, may take up a resolution to request that [the suspended] formalities be waived for a longer period of time;" and
- WHEREAS, there is presently no sign of the declared emergency ending before September 30, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, the Plan Commission has already taken the proactive step of extending its waiver of certain sign application fees through December 31, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council therefore wishes to extend the term of the proactive measures it put into place through Ordinance 20-11 to assist the Bloomington business community's recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby extends the recommended suspension of certain portions of the Bloomington Municipal Code described in <u>Ordinance 20-11</u> through December 31, 2020.

SECTION 2. The City Council reserves the right to, at its discretion, further extend or, in the alternative, earlier terminate the term of <u>Ordinance 20-11</u> so that the provisions of <u>Ordinance 20-11</u> conclude on a date other than December 31, 2020. If the City Council desires to modify the term of <u>Ordinance 20-11</u>, it shall pass another similar resolution altering the term of <u>Ordinance 20-11</u>.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 22rd day of September, 2020.

STEPHEN VOLAN, President Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk

City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this day of _______, 2020.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 29th day of September, 2020

JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution extends the term of Ordinance 20-11, which is set to expire on September 30, 2020, to December 31, 2020. Ordinance 20-11 waived certain formalities contained in the Bloomington Municipal Code related to signs and seating encroachments. The temporary suspension of these formalities has assisted the local business community as it copes with and recovers from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Distributed to Clerk, Council Attorney, Legal, Planning and Transportation Department, Public Works, and Mayor.