

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-38 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Brook Bassan

1 RESOLUTION

2 CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND MAYOR TO ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL
3 FOR THE RE-OPENING OF BUSINESSES DEEMED NON-ESSENTIAL DURING
4 THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

5 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued
6 Executive Order 2020-004, Order Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency
7 relating to the spread of COVID-19; and

8 WHEREAS, in subsequent weeks the New Mexico Department of Health has
9 issued orders limiting public gatherings and requiring non-essential
10 businesses to close or limit business activity; and

11 WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the U.S.
12 government's Phase 3 aid package to provide relief due to the novel
13 coronavirus ("COVID-19") through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
14 Security Act (the "CARES Act"); and

15 WHEREAS, the CARES Act includes provisions for additional
16 reimbursement to governmental entities for unemployment insurance relief,
17 due to the rapid increase in unemployment claims due to the Coronavirus
18 response; and

19 WHEREAS, some hospitals in New Mexico are placing employees on
20 furlough or reducing employees' work hours and pay due to significant
21 decreases in volume and utilization of services; and

22 WHEREAS, the Federal government has provided guidelines, "Opening Up
23 America Again", a three-phased approach to recovery based on the advice of
24 public health officials; and

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1 WHEREAS, the future needs of the City to recover from the Coronavirus
2 public health emergency may not necessarily align with the needs of other
3 rural communities in New Mexico, or the State as a whole.

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
5 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

6 SECTION 1. That the City Council calls upon Governor Michelle Lujan
7 Grisham and Mayor Tim Keller to establish protocols for the re-opening of
8 businesses deemed non-essential during the Coronavirus response. The
9 protocols should take into consideration the ability for health providers and
10 public safety personnel to continue providing needed services in an effective
11 manner.

12 SECTION 2. That the City Council requests that Governor Michelle Lujan
13 Grisham allow for special protocols for the City of Albuquerque to re-open
14 those businesses deemed non-essential during the Coronavirus response,
15 given its size and additional capacity to provide health and public safety
16 services, as compared with that of other municipalities in New Mexico.

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