

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-49 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 **CALLING ON THE MAYOR TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR BUSINESSES TO**
3 **ENSURE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH AND SAFETY, ONCE**
4 **RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS ARE**
5 **LIFTED OR EASED; AND TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NEEDED**
6 **EQUIPMENT TO BUSINESSES TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES.**

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

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

13 WHEREAS, On April 23, 2020, Governor Lujan Grisham named a 15
14 member Economic Recovery Council made up of business and labor leaders
15 from across the state, and stated that the re-opening will happen in phases,
16 beginning with the preparation phase, which is now in progress; and

17 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, Governor Lujan Grisham announced that the
18 State will begin relaxing some restrictions on businesses in a gradual manner;
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20 WHEREAS, business leaders in Albuquerque have voiced concerns about
21 being apprised of the guidelines that they will need to follow to ensure
22 continued health and public safety and the safety of their employees, and
23 having adequate resources to procure any needed equipment to implement
24 the guidelines; and

25 WHEREAS, guidance on the proper opening of businesses in the wake of
26 the Covid-19 pandemic should include the input of city and community partner

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1 leaders, such as the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and the Hispano
2 Chamber of Commerce.

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

5 Section 1. The City Council directs the Mayor to work with local business
6 leaders to establish and distribute standardized guidelines for businesses to
7 follow that ensure continued protection of the public health and safety against
8 the spread of Covid-19.

9 Section 2. The City Council directs the Mayor to establish a program to
10 provide resources to businesses for purchase of health screening and other
11 equipment needed to implement re-opening protocols that complies with City,
12 State and Federal requirements.

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