

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDWARDSVILLE, KANSAS,
RELATED TO THE CITY'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO ITS
RESIDENTS' HEALTH AND ECONOMIC WELFARE.**

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of March 2020, the Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Kansas City/Wyandotte County, Kansas found that a disaster had occurred, or the threat thereof was imminent within Wyandotte County, Kansas as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the confirmed outbreak and person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the United States, State of Kansas and Wyandotte County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A 48-932 the Mayor of Edwardsville, Kansas declared a local state of emergency in the City of Edwardsville on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of March 2020, the Governing Body of the City of Edwardsville, Kansas found that a national public health emergency existed regarding the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and, pursuant to K.S.A 48-932, authorized an extension of the local state of emergency for a period of sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer issued an Emergency Public Health Order effective on the 24th day of March 2020, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic in Wyandotte County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b, K.S.A. 65-202 and other applicable laws or regulations; and

WHEREAS, in April 2020, the Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Kansas City/Wyandotte County, Kansas formed a "Restart WYCO" Committee of health professionals and business leaders to make recommendations to the Local Health Officer as to how to safely re-open businesses after expiration of the State Stay at Home Order; and

WHEREAS, the "Restart WYCO" Committee failed to include representatives from Edwardsville despite requests from the Mayor of Edwardsville to participate in the work of the committee, specifically as it relates to the impact on the health and economic welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of April, the Local Health Officer adopted the guidance developed by the "Restart WYCO" Committee known as LHO 4-30-20; and

WHEREAS, LHO 4-30-20 states that "the threat of COVID-19 and the steps necessary to prevent its spread vary based upon the locality thereby requiring a specific, measured and phased approach determined by data applicable to Wyandotte County, Kansas,"; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body remains concerned that the City's specific locality within the County was not represented or considered in the formulation of guidelines adopted in LHO 4-30-20; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, in a letter to the Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Kansas City/Wyandotte County, Kansas, dated May 13, 2020, expressed its disappointment in its exclusion from the "Restart WYCO" Committee and demanded the City's participation in any further work of the committee.

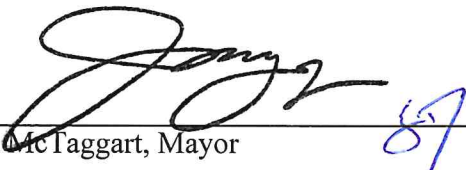
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Edwardsville, Kansas:

Section 1. The Governing Body finds it will remain vigilant in its demand for increased inclusion in the promulgation of any further guidelines developed by the Unified Government and/or the Public Health Officer to ensure that the residents of the City of Edwardsville do not suffer unnecessary hardships or inequities.

Section 2. The Governing Body will continue to monitor the impact of LHO 4-30-20 and any subsequent orders on the City's residents and businesses and seek ways to alleviate economic hardships while protecting the health and welfare of its residents.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body for the City of Edwardsville, Kansas this 26th day of March, 2020.



John McTaggart, Mayor

Attest:



Zachary Daniel, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

