



**MOTION: GRAHAM**

**SECOND: DEVINE**

**RE: Repealing Ordinance 20-05, Addressing Continuity of Government During a Pandemic Disaster**

**ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0**

**July 13, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Ordinance 21-20**

**FIRST READ: July 13, 2021**

**SECOND READ: July 13, 2021**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Fredericksburg City Council:

**Section I. Purpose.**

On March 16, 2020, in accordance with Virginia Code §44-146.21 and City Code §26-36, the City Manager, as Fredericksburg's Director of Emergency Management, issued a Declaration of Local Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. City Council confirmed that Declaration by approving Resolution 20-21, which found that COVID-19 posed a real and substantial threat to public health, constituting a disaster as defined by Virginia Code §44.1-146.16.

On April 7, 2020, City Council used its authority under Virginia Code § 15.2-1413 to enact an Ordinance 20-05, An Ordinance to Address Continuity of City Government during the Pendency of a Pandemic Disaster, implementing a number of special emergency procedures. This ordinance has been used throughout the emergency by City Council, the City School Board, and many other local boards and commissions to enable them to conduct public business safely, effectively, and with transparency during the challenging circumstances of the pandemic.

As emergency conditions related to the pandemic subside, the public health threat that has necessitated these emergency procedures has been significantly reduced. City Council finds that the COVID-19 pandemic no longer presents a threat to the City's ability to conduct its normal government operations. Therefore, City Ordinance 20-05, An Ordinance to Address Continuity of City Government during the Pendency of a Pandemic Disaster is no longer needed and should be repealed.

**Section II. Ordinance.**

1. Ordinance 20-05, An Ordinance to Address Continuity of City Government during the Pendency of a Pandemic Disaster is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2. All resolutions that have been adopted by City of Fredericksburg boards and commissions to provide for remote public meetings under the authority of Ordinance 20-05 will expire automatically upon the effective date of this ordinance.

**Section III. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall be effective on August 1, 2021.

**Votes:**


**Ayes:** Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly, Withers

**Nays:** None

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** None


Approved as to form:

  
Kathleen Dooley, City Attorney

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**Clerk's Certificate**

*I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 21-20, adopted at a meeting of the City Council held July 13, 2021, at which a quorum was present and voted.*

  
Tonya B. Lacey, MMC  
Clerk of Council