

ORDINANCE NO. 2713

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2707 CONCERNING ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND RELATED MATTERS SO AS TO EXTEND THE ORDINANCE EXPIRATION DATE

WHEREAS, S.C. Code section 5-7-250(d) authorizes Council to adopt emergency ordinances (with certain limitations not applicable to this Ordinance) for a limited period of up to sixty days; and

WHEREAS, the current coronavirus pandemic has created an emergency for our City and our Nation such that the Council, in the exercise of its statutory authority and in the public interest, enacted Ordinance No. 2664 on March 17, 2020, as an emergency ordinance to, among other things, authorize electronic meetings and other related measures for Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Council subsequently extended the effective dates for that Ordinance by amending the Ordinance on five occasions, on April 21, 2020, with Ordinance No. 2671; on June 16, 2020, with Ordinance No. 2685; on August 4, 2020, with Ordinance No. 2690; on September 1, 2020, with Ordinance No. 2700; and on October 20, 2020, with Ordinance No. 2707; and

WHEREAS, the Council now believes that, due to the continuation of the public health emergency presented by the pandemic, it is in the public interest to extend further the expiration date of the emergency ordinance previously adopted so that it remains in force and effect for an additional temporary time period,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

1. Ordinance No. 2707 is hereby amended to provide that it shall expire automatically on the sixty-first day following the date of this amending ordinance, which is the date of, January 17, 2021, unless further amended.
2. Except as amended by this amending ordinance, all remaining provisions of Ordinance No. 2707, and its predecessor Ordinances Nos. 2700, 2690, 2685, 2671, and 2664, shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance, as an emergency ordinance, shall become effective immediately upon Council approval on one reading, and shall expire automatically after sixty (60) days. This emergency ordinance also is subject to repeal or extension or amendment by further ordinance.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA


Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor


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Ione J. Dwyer, Councilwoman

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ATTEST:


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

Date of Reading: November 17, 2020