

RESOLUTION NO. R2020- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, CONCERNING MAKING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO
THOSE AFFECTED BY THE THREATS OF THE CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19

WHEREAS, an outbreak of a new coronavirus disease, now identified specifically as COVID-19, was detected in China in December of 2019, and since then the disease has spread to multiple continents countries and territories in the world

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, and Governor Polis declared a state of epidemic disaster emergency in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic, and Governor Polis issued an Executive Order March 18, 2020 suspending in person learning through April 17, 2020 for public and private schools in Colorado due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump issued a proclamation that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and as of March 19, 2020, worldwide, there have been a significant number of positive COVID-19 test and many deaths and these numbers are increasing; and

WHEREAS, the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus has caused the closure of athletic events throughout the country including the suspension of downhill ski operations in Colorado by Governor Polis and the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus has caused the cancellations of reservations at many of the businesses in the hospitality industry across the country; and

WHEREAS, the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus has caused significant financial hardships to restaurants, retail business, and the employees of these businesses in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO:

Section 1. The City Council requests all banks, mortgage companies and the financial industry, as well as all rental property owners, landlords and rental businesses, to consider the financial impact the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus is having on the citizens of the City and asks everyone to provide reasonable accommodations and leniency and consider delaying rents, mortgages, foreclosures, evictions, and utility shut-offs to everyone affected by this crisis.

Section 2. The City Council requests state and federal action to provide ongoing financial assistance to families and individuals, enact a formal suspension of rents, mortgages,

utility, and telecommunications service payments for both residential and commercial property, suspend negative credit reporting for nonpayment of rents, mortgages, utilities, and telecommunications services, and provide direct relief for small businesses and self-employed workers affected by this crisis.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

STEPHEN J. RUGER, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Handwritten signature of Tim Joyce in blue ink, with initials 'DB' written at the end.

TIM JOYCE, Assistant City Attorney

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