PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER No. 20-05

REOPENING BOISE CITY: STAGE ONE

May 1, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little signed a declaration of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 are imminent in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the city of Boise City ("Boise City"), Lauren McLean, declared a local disaster emergency, as per the Disaster Preparedness Act (Title 46, Chapter 10 of the Idaho Code), in Boise City due to the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of the residents of Boise City, and on March 17, 2020, the Boise City Council ratified and extended the Declaration of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, and repealed and replaced in full on April 7, 2020, the Council for Boise City adopted an ordinance enacting a new Chapter 15 to Title 1, setting forth the authority, purpose, and intent of emergency powers to address the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, and amended on April 15, 2020, Governor Little, by way of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order of the Director, issued an Order to Self-Isolate ("Order to Self-Isolate"), requiring all individuals living in the State of Idaho to self-isolate at their place of residence; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, Governor Little entered, in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order of the Director, an order titled, State of Idaho, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Stay Healthy Order, dated May 1, 2020, providing requirements for reopening certain businesses and permitting certain activities in Stage 1 of the State’s reopening plan (Stay Healthy Order – Stage One”).

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One allows cities to enact more stringent public health orders than those set out in the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Boise City, Lauren McLean, finds it necessary to implement certain requirements to build on and strengthen the strategy set forth in the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Boise City by mitigating any negative repercussions of reopening the community due to Boise City’s large population, size and scope of City services offered, and status as the State of Idaho’s business and transportation hub.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren McLean, Mayor of Boise City, Idaho, by virtue of the
authority vested in me by Boise City Code 1-15-05, Idaho Code Title 50, Chapters 3 and 6, and Article XII, Section 2 of the Idaho Constitution, to protect the public hereby issue this Public Health Emergency Order 10-05 – Reopening Boise City: Stage One (“Emergency Order 20-05”):

Section 1. Stay Healthy Order - Stage One – Incorporated Herein. The Stay Healthy Order – Stage One is hereby incorporated in its entirety in this Emergency Order 20-05 except as otherwise specifically set forth herein.

Section 2. Businesses - Required Compliance. All businesses that are eligible to reopen pursuant to the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One must comply with all social distancing and sanitations recommendations and requirements as provided in Section 7 of the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One and Section 3 of this Emergency Order 20-05. To the extent feasible, these requirements are mandatory within Boise City. Additionally, all businesses that are eligible to reopen pursuant to the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One must comply with all relevant recommendations and requirements for Stage 1 business reopening as provided for by Central District Health (“CDH”) and as found at https://rebound.idaho.gov/.

Section 3. Individuals - Social Distancing and Sanitation Requirements- Required Compliance. To the extent individuals are outside of their residence, individuals must comply with Section 7 of Stay Healthy Order – Stage One, including, but not limited to:

A. Individuals shall maintain at least six (6) feet minimum physical distancing from other individuals, whenever possible.

B. Individuals shall:
   i. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer;
   ii. Cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
   iii. Regularly clean high-touch surfaces; not shake hands;
   iv. Stay home if sick; and
   v. Strongly consider the use of face coverings while in public.

Section 4. Group Gatherings. Public and private gatherings of individuals are prohibited, with the exception of household members or as provided by the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One.

Section 5. Airport Public Area Access. Access to the public areas of the Boise Airport terminal is restricted to individuals who can demonstrate they fall within one of the following categories:

A. Ticketed airline passengers;

B. An individual accompanying a ticketed airline passenger, provided the passenger needs assistance with arrival or departure;
C. Individuals whose employment requires access to public areas;

D. Individuals who have been authorized by airport officials or have a business need to access the public areas;

E. Individuals in vehicles who are at the passenger pick up and drop-off locations waiting for or dropping off ticketed passengers; and

F. Individuals in rental vehicles at the airport pick up and/or drop off rental car locations.

Section 6. Penalty and Enforcement. Individuals and businesses within Boise City are urged to voluntarily comply with the Stay Healthy Order - Stage One and this Emergency Order No. 20-05. Boise City will make efforts to educate individuals and businesses to achieve compliance. However, pursuant to Section 8 of the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One and Idaho Code § 56-1003(7)(c), Boise City shall enforce compliance with the requirements of the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One. Failure to comply with the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One shall be a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. In accordance with Boise City Code Section 1-15-10, any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this Emergency Order No. 20-05 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

Section 7. Governing Language. To the extent this Emergency Order No. 20-05 is more stringent than the Stay Healthy Order – Stage One, the language of this Emergency Order No. 20-05 shall govern.

Section 8. Costs. No person shall be entitled to recover from Boise City any costs incurred, or profits lost as many be attributed to the enactment of this Order.

Section 9. Severability. To the extent any provision of this Emergency Order No. 20-05 or its application to any person or business is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Emergency Order No. 20-05, including any application thereof, shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Emergency Order No. 20-05 are severable.


Section 11. Effective Date. This Emergency Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2020. This Public Health Emergency Order shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days unless it is terminated, modified or extended at an earlier date. The Mayor, in consultation with CDH and local healthcare providers, will monitor the state of Boise City pursuant to the gating criteria outlined at https://rebound.idaho.gov/, specifically the syndromic, epidemiologic, and healthcare indicators to determine whether this Emergency Order No. 20-05 should be amended, modified or terminated in advance of the thirty (30) day expiration.

Lauren McLean, Mayor

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