

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ENTITLED “NUISANCES”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Greensboro as follows:

“**Section 1.** Chapter 17 is amended by adding a new Article as follows:

“ARTICLE V. – COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

Sec. 17- 64 . – Purpose.

The city council finds and declares that, as identified by public health organizations, agencies and officials, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) presents a global health pandemic or unprecedented proportions. This disease has had a substantial adverse impact within the City of Greensboro and constitutes a detriment, danger and hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City, often causing severe illness and death. Physically crowded conditions within offices and businesses in the City significantly contribute to disease spread. Therefore, crowded indoor conditions where persons are not able to remain a sufficient physical distance apart and which violate the reduced occupancy limits contained in various executive orders issued by the Governor, are hereby found, deemed and declared to be the public nuisance wherever the same may exist. The creation, maintenance, or failure to abate such nuisance is hereby declared unlawful.

Sec. 17-65. – Prohibitions.

All offices and businesses in the City are hereby ordered to comply with the reduced occupancy limits contained within North Carolina Governor Cooper’s various executive orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the mass gathering prohibitions expressed initially in Section 5.1 of Executive Order No. 169 and amended in subsequent Executive Orders are applicable within the City’s corporate limits. Any City official or employee, so designated by the City Manager, shall be empowered to cite for violation of this Article, any office or business or person determined to be in control of such facility in the City that has been functioning in violation hereof.

Sec. 17-66. – Violations.

An office or business found to have been in violation of the reduced occupancy limits expressed herein shall be cited and fined One-Hundred Dollars (\$100) for each person found to be on the premises or within any structure in excess of the limits imposed for such premises or structure. “

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.