CITY OF SANTA FE

Emergency Proclamation VII – COVID-19

AMENDING CERTAIN ORDERS – March 10, 2021

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2021, I issued Emergency Proclamation VII – COVID-19 (Proclamation VII), recognizing the ongoing emergency faced by the City of Santa Fe (City) in the form of the COVID-19 virus (Emergency), and issued certain orders to address the Emergency (Orders);

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021, the City’s Governing Body extended Proclamation VII through March 29, 2021 by adopting Resolution 2021-9;

WHEREAS, as the Emergency evolves, the State’s framework for recovery has evolved and certain Orders I issued pursuant to Proclamation VII also need to evolve in order to appropriately complement State restrictions while keeping risk to the City’s employees and others limited;

WHEREAS, specifically, the State recently lifted its quarantine requirement for persons traveling out of state and the newest public health order, issued February
24, 2021 (New State Public Health Order) has created exceptions to its “mass gathering” restrictions that are based on limitations to certain locations’ occupancy (indoors) and/or capacities (outdoors);

WHEREAS, under the State’s Red to Green (to Turquoise) framework, supermarkets and grocery stores are subject to permitted occupancies based on the county’s color classification, with a Green classification permitting up to 100% occupancy;

WHEREAS, it is possible that certain recreation use limitations may result in higher per-person rates during the imposition of those limitations unless the rates are adjusted;

WHEREAS, if Santa Fe County becomes designated as “Green” as expected today, the New State Public Health Order’s exceptions to the definition of “mass gathering” would permit indoor gatherings of hundreds of people for spaces that have maximum occupancies of 800 or more; and

WHEREAS, rates of infection have decreased significantly locally and at the state level, but Santa Fe’s vaccination rate is not high enough to provide herd immunity for City staff and guests in City facilities and the new variants of the virus are increasing their predominance nationwide.

THEREFORE, due to the circumstances identified above, I order the following
amendments to the existing Orders, effective for the duration of the proclaimed emergency, unless rescinded or modified earlier:

A. The COVID-19 Screening Questions for members of the public shall no longer include the following question: “In the past 14-days, have you traveled outside the state or country?”; and

B. Grocery stores and supermarkets shall be subject to State Public Health Order’s occupancy limits, as they are adjusted under Santa Fe County’s classification as Red, Yellow, Green, and Turquoise.

C. The City’s limitations on mass gatherings shall include those exceptions included in the New State Public Health Order for places in the City other than in City-owned buildings. Inside City-owned buildings, gatherings for events shall not exceed 20 persons during Proclamation VII.

D. In situations in which compliance with COVID-19 Safe Practices (CSPs) would result in higher per-person fees in City-owned recreation facilities, the associated fee shall be reduced proportionately to allow compliance without increased fees.

These changes are effective immediately or upon the City’s designation as “Green”, whichever is later.
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 10 day of March, 2021 at the hour of 2:15 o'clock PM (MDT).

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ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR
City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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KRISTINE MIHELCIC, CITY CLERK
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