

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUESTING NEVADA MISSOURI COMMUNITY INCREASE DILIGENCE IN SOCIAL DISTANCING, WEARING OF MASKS IN PUBLIC, AND AVOIDANCE OF LARGE PUBLIC GATHERINGS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nevada, Missouri has been, for the most part, successful in combating the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak through the Spring and Summer months of 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nevada, in coordination with the Vernon County Health Department and local health care personnel and first responders, believes that the public's increased diligence and awareness in avoiding large crowds, maintaining social distancing, and wearing masks while in public will greatly reduce the continued spread of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is therefore an emergency due to the rise in the number of positive cases in the Nevada community, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City of Nevada, Missouri supports the continued limitation of large public gatherings, and the practice of social distancing and the wearing of masks while in public.

**SECTION 2:** That the citizens and the community of Nevada, Missouri are strongly encouraged to continue to:

- a. Avoid participating in large public gatherings; and
- b. Use increased diligence in social distancing while in public; and
- c. Use increased diligence in wearing masks while in public.

**SECTION 3:** That in the event that a significant number of persons decline to use increased diligence and awareness during the coming days and weeks, and in the further event that positive COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the community, the City Council may have no alternative but to consider binding ordinances to mandate certain safety protocols for the City and to enact civil penalties for violations.

**SECTION 4:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.**

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George Knox, Mayor

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Attest:

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City Clerk