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RESOLUTION NO. 20-369

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA ALLOWING ENFORCEMENT OF COUNTY RESOLUTION 154-2020 RELATED TO ORDERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well- being of residents of the City of Wichita is the priority of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID -19 beginning January 27, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, over the last several recent weeks there have been a significant spike in the numbers of COVID -19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in Sedgwick County and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020, the Sedgwick County Commission enacted Resolution No. 154-2020, providing for enforcement of orders of the Sedgwick County Health Officer related to infectious, contagious or communicable disease in unincorporated areas and incorporated cities within Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's Home Rule and police powers to protect the health and safety of its citizens, the City hereby adopts the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wichita that:

1. The City of Wichita hereby consents to Sedgwick County Resolution 154-2020 applying and being effective within the corporate city limits of the City of Wichita;

2. The City of Wichita will enter into an agreement or Memorandum of Understanding as appropriate with Sedgwick County providing for enforcement of Resolution 154-2020.
3. The City of Wichita acknowledges that the authority and responsibility for the prosecution and enforcement of the Order of the Sedgwick County Local Health Officer resides with code enforcement officers employed by Sedgwick County.
4. Law enforcement officers and code enforcement officers employed by the City of Wichita are directed to provide assistance to Sedgwick County Code Enforcement officers to enforce the provisions of Sedgwick County Resolution 154-2020.
5. The City of Wichita reserves the right to rescind this Resolution and any agreement to enforce orders of the Sedgwick County Local Health Officer following 30 days written notice to the Sedgwick County Clerk.
6. This Resolution shall be effective upon publication of Sedgwick County Resolution 154-2020.
7. The Wichita City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Resolution in the official newspaper of the City of Wichita.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Wichita this 19th day of November 2020.

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Brandon Whipple, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen Sublett, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Jennifer Magana, City Attorney