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(Special Meeting)

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ORDINANCE NO. 49-2020

BY: **BRIAN BROCHETTI**  
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 173.12  
“PAY PERIODS” OF CHAPTER 173  
“EMPLOYEES GENERALLY” OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the life, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Parma, Ohio is in jeopardy due to the global outbreak of a deadly infectious respiratory disease known as SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-01D, Governor DeWine ordered the Ohio Department of Health to issue guidelines for private businesses regarding appropriate work and travel restrictions. Further, the Executive Order urges all Ohioans to heed the advice of the Department of Health and other emergency officials regarding the public health emergency in order to protect the citizens’ life and safety, and,

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Director of the Ohio Department of Health Dr. Amy Acton issued an Order to limit and/or prohibit mass gatherings of 100 or more persons at any confined indoor or outdoor space in Ohio, and,

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director’s Order to limit the sale of food and beverages, liquor, beer and wine to carry-out and delivery only, and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued an Amended Director’s Order to further limit and/or prohibit mass gatherings and the closure of venues in Ohio, and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director’s Order closing hair salons, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body piercing locations, and massage therapy locations, and,

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director’s Order ordering all individuals living in Ohio to stay at home or at their place of residence, and further ordering all “Non-Essential” businesses and operations to cease, and,

WHEREAS, many businesses and workplaces in the City of Parma and across Ohio have closed during the COVID-19 health crisis in order to promote social distancing and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and,

WHEREAS, a record number of Ohioans have filed claims for unemployment benefits in the past two-week period, approximately 468,414 claims amounting to 8% of Ohio’s labor force, as a result of the many lockdowns, shutdowns and stay-at-home orders compelled by the COVID-19 outbreak, and,

WHEREAS, about 23,964 workers in Cuyahoga County, many of who work in the City of Parma, have filed claims for unemployment benefits during the reporting period ending on March 21, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, and,

WHEREAS, unemployment rates across Ohio and our nation are expected to increase dramatically in the coming weeks as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma has sustained a significant deficit in tax revenue as a result of the COVID-19 related job losses across Ohio and the City expects the deficit to increase precipitously over the coming weeks and months, and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 related deficit in the City’s tax revenue is causing the City of Parma great hardship in meeting its financial obligations and performing public services now and for the foreseeable future, and,

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency in the City of Parma as a result of the COVID-19 crisis to protect the lives and well-being of Parma citizens, and further to allow for the continued functioning of City government.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Parma, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 173.12 “Pay Periods” of Chapter 173 “Employees Generally” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma, as it existed heretofore, is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that COVID-19 has impacted the City, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO