

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 035

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CLOSE FRANKLIN AVENUE FROM ERIE STREET TO MAIN STREET TO ASSIST DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES IN DEALING WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City is requesting the closure of Franklin Avenue from Erie Street to Main Street to assist the downtown businesses in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the closure will create a socially distant public "park" space which will provide additional outdoor seating for downtown customers to use; and

WHEREAS, the closure will start on May 7, 2021 and tentatively last until October 4, 2021. The success of the closure to aid downtown businesses will be monitored along with the changing COVID restrictions to determine the appropriate time to open Franklin Avenue back up to traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Kent City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to close Franklin Avenue from Erie Street to Main Street to assist downtown businesses in dealing with Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

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 this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: April 21, 2021
Date

J. Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: April 21, 2021
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2021-035, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON April 21, 2021.

(SEAL)

Amy Wilkens
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CLERK OF COUNCIL