ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER

Pursuant to Section 35-4 of the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances, the City Manager hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 15 the Governor of the State of Maine declared a Civil State of Emergency related to the spread of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”);

WHEREAS, on March 16, the Mayor of the City of Augusta declared a local disaster emergency in the City of Augusta pursuant to his authority under Section 35-4 of the City Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily spread from person to person through close contact, and cases of the disease are increasing in the State of Maine;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”), have urged the public to practice social distancing and not attend events where ten or more people will be gathered; and

WHEREAS, the risk of community spread of COVID-19 seriously impacts the life, health and safety of the public, and public health is imperiled by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me through the statutes of the State of Maine, Chapter 35 of the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances, and common law authority to protect the public’s health, safety and welfare in the event of an emergency, I, William Bridgeo, City Manager of the City of Augusta, in consultation with the Mayor, do hereby ORDER as follows:

No business shall host or organize and no person shall be in or remain in any establishment within the City, including, but not limited to, restaurants, bars, movie theaters, museums, dance clubs, music venues, and any other establishment where individuals gather in groups or are in close contact with one another, beginning March 17, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. until March 18, 2020 at 2:00 a.m. and thereafter daily from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Take-out service is not prohibited by this order.

This order shall remain in effect until revoked by further order of the City Manager.

Dated: Tuesday, March 17, 2020.