

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 21-E()

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REPEAL EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 21-E(1), AS AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 21-E(2), AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, SARS-CoV-2, AND THE DISEASE IT CAUSES, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS COVID-19

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 20-E(5), “An Emergency Ordinance to Prevent the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and the Disease it Causes, Commonly Referred to as COVID-19,” which became effective August 1, 2020 (hereafter, “Ordinance No. 20-E(5) and its emergency and non-emergency successor ordinances are referred to as the “Ordinance”; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance established regulations pertaining to: (1) the maximum indoor occupancy allowed at restaurants, farm wineries, limited breweries, and limited distilleries; (2) the maximum size of public and private gatherings; and (3) the requirement for persons to wear face coverings in public places; and those regulations were more restrictive than the Governor’s Executive Orders in effect at the time;

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was initially part of a coordinated effort among the County, the City of Charlottesville, and the University of Virginia to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, and the disease it causes, COVID-19, in the community as the number of COVID-19 cases was increasing and University of Virginia students were returning to the community for the Fall 2020 semester; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was most recently adopted as an emergency ordinance on April 7, 2021 (Ordinance No. 21-E(1)), which was amended by the Board on May 5, 2021 (Ordinance No. 21-E(2)); and

WHEREAS, as of May 10, 2021, the County’s 1.5% seven-day average positivity rate (PCR test only) for COVID-19 is less than the statewide positivity rate of 4.3%; the County’s seven-day average of six new daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population is the same as that statewide; the County’s seven-day average of 0.3 new daily hospitalizations per 100,000 population is one-half that of the statewide average of 0.6 new daily hospitalizations; and the County has the highest vaccination rate for COVID-19 in the State, with the City of Charlottesville also having one of the highest vaccination rates in the State; and

WHEREAS, the need for County restrictions to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, and the disease it causes, COVID-19, are no longer necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that Ordinance No. 21-E(1), as amended by Ordinance No. 21-E(2), is repealed.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of ____ to ____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on _____.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Ms. Price	_____	_____