



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-473, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA DATE:** 9/2/2020

**TITLE:**

Emergency Ordinance to Prevent the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and the Disease it Causes, Commonly Referred to as COVID-19.

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Emergency Ordinance to Amend Section 5 of 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," to Regulate Gatherings at Outdoor Horse and other Livestock Shows and Horse Racing Racetracks

**ITEM TYPE:** Consent Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Walker, Kamptner

**PRESENTER (S):** N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Doug Walker

**BACKGROUND:** On July 27, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 20-E(50, 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 (the "Ordinance"). 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. The Ordinance was narrowly focused to address areas of concern regarding the spread of COVID-19, and provided exceptions in limited circumstances. Since the Ordinance was adopted, County staff has responded to numerous inquiries from businesses and residents about its applicability and implementation.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Mission: To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all citizens through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds

**DISCUSSION:** The "Horse and Other Livestock Shows" and the "Horse Racing Racetracks" business sectors are, by their nature, generally conducted outdoors and on large properties where physical distancing can be maintained. The Phase 3 guidelines accompanying the Governor's Executive Order No. 67 include significant requirements for these two business sectors.

The County's COVID-19 Incident Management Team considered the applicability of the Ordinance to these business sectors at its August 26 meeting and recommended that the Board consider amending the Ordinance to exempt them from the 50-person limitation on gatherings, provided that any shows or events are closed to spectators and that all of the applicable State guidelines are followed by the owners, operators, and participants at the shows and events.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance (Attachment A).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A - Proposed Ordinance