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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-____.____

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING LOCAL RETAIL BUSINESSES TO IMPLEMENT SOCIAL DISTANCING BEST PRACTICES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a communicable disease that was declared by the World Health Organization (“WHO”) to be a “public health emergency of international concern” on January 30, 2020, and its spread was characterized by the WHO as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia arising from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the City Council confirmed the City Manager’s declaration of a state of local emergency and disaster due to the occurrence of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Northam has issued [Executive Order Number 53](#), which temporarily places restrictions on restaurants, recreational entertainment, gatherings, and non-essential retail businesses; and

WHEREAS, Governor Northam has issued [Executive Order Number 55](#), which orders all individuals in Virginia to remain in their place of residence, except under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, beginning on April 8, 2020, Mayor Alonzo Jones joined fellow Council members in encouraging people to practice social distancing and adherence to stay-at-home orders through a social media campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued [guidance](#) for retail food stores, restaurants, and food pick up establishments during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Department of Health has also issued guidance for social distancing and hygiene [best practices](#) for essential retail stores.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council for the City of Danville urge all businesses authorized to continue operation during the COVID-19 Pandemic to implement the following procedures for the health and wellbeing of their customers and employees:

1. Limit the number of patrons within the business to five (5) people per 1,000 square feet.
2. Clearly mark aisles within the business with one-way arrows to direct shoppers through the store.
3. Require customers to observe six feet of separation at checkout lanes and place markings on the floor to encourage that amount of physical separation.
4. Require all employees to wear masks covering both mouth and nose.
5. Have a “store ambassador” at each entrance sanitizing shopping carts and limiting entry based on maximum capacity.
6. Provide customers with a paper towel and disinfectant in order to clean hands and shopping cart handles.
7. Encourage customers to purchase non-essential items online or by curbside pickup.
8. Offer senior citizen hours.
9. Allow customers with no access to internet to make phone-in orders.

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