RESOLUTION NO. _______________

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety and welfare of residents, businesses and visitors to Wyandotte County is the Unified Government’s top priority; and

WHEREAS, Wyandotte County is facing a crisis—the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19—resulting in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Wyandotte County citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a result of local and state orders pertaining to social distancing, many businesses face restrictions on the number of people who may be inside the business at any one time; and

WHEREAS, in order to accelerate the economic recovery plan set forth in ReStart WyCo: Road to Recovery, it is necessary to take certain actions in order to encourage customers to visit local businesses and in order to allow those local businesses to accommodate the number of customers that they need in order to be profitable; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government has determined that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the public health, safety and welfare concerns associated therewith, that enforcement of certain provisions of the Unified Government Code of Ordinances should be suspended for a limited amount of time.

WHEREAS, vending on the public streets and sidewalks may promote the public interest by contributing to an active and attractive pedestrian environment for businesses and customers. The purpose of accommodating vending carts, sidewalk sales, and vendor persons in pedestrian-oriented commercial areas is to increase economic activity, attract pedestrians, extend their visits and enhance overall community quality of life.

WHEREAS, reasonable regulation of street and sidewalk vending is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

1. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, enforcement of the following ordinances or portions of ordinances under Chapter 27 of the Unified Government Code of Ordinances is temporarily suspended until 11:59 PM on December 31, 2020:
• §27-608(4)a – Farmers’ markets in agriculture districts *(suspend the annual agreement)*.

• §27-609(7)a – Mobile market vending for food access in single- and two-family residential districts *(includes suspension of enforcement for all subsections)*.

• §27-610(8)a – Mobile market vending for food access in multi-family residential districts *(includes suspension of enforcement for all subsections)*.

• §27-611(10)a – Farmers’ markets in non-retail commercial districts *(suspends annual agreement and Special Use Permit requirements)*.

• §27-612(8)a – Farmers’ market in commercial districts *(suspends annual agreement and Special Use Permit requirements)*.

• §27-612(9)a – Food truck and mobile market vending in commercial districts *(includes suspension of enforcement for all subsections)*.

• §27-613(9)a – Farmers’ market in industrial districts *(suspends annual agreement and Special Use Permit requirements)*.

• §27-613(10)a – Food truck and mobile market vending in industrial districts *(includes suspension of enforcement for all subsections)*.

• §27-614(2)a – Farmers’ market in traditional neighborhood design (TND) districts *(suspends annual agreement and Special Use Permit requirements)*.

• §27-614(3)a – Food truck and mobile market vending in traditional neighborhood design (TND) districts *(includes suspension of enforcement for all subsections)*.

3. The Mayor, the County Administrator, and the Unified Government's other officers, agents, and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates, and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.

4. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage by the Unified Government Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
THIS 30th DAY OF JULY, 2020.

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David Alvey, Mayor/CEO
ATTEST:

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Unified Government Clerk