ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 032

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CLOSE FRANKLIN AVENUE FROM ERIE STREET TO MAIN STREET TO ASSIST DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City is requesting the closure of Franklin Avenue from Erie Street to Main Street to assist the downtown businesses; and

WHEREAS, the closure will create an outdoor public "park" space which will provide additional outdoor seating for downtown customers to use: and

WHEREAS, the closure will start not before the first Saturday in May and end no later than the first Saturday in October, annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> The Kent City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to close Franklin Avenue from Erie Street to Main Street to assist downtown businesses.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: April 20, 2022	tah
Date	Jerry T. Fiala
EFFECTIVE: April 20, 2022	Mayor and President of Council
Date	
ATTEST: Amy Wilkens Clerk of Council	
WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS	OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND INS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF <i>ORDINANCE NO</i> Y OF KENT ON <u>April 20</u> , 20 2022.
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