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PRESS RELEASE

The Scott County Commission met yesterday and passed a Scott County Ordinance for the COVID-19 response. It is a collaborative effort with the Scott County Commission, Scott County Sheriff, Scott County Health Department, Scott County Prosecuting Attorney, and all of the city municipalities in Scott County. This ordinance was drafted and approved after extensive research, communication, and consideration by the Commission and cities. We as a commission, and community leaders of Scott County take this responsibility extremely seriously. We understand this is a time of uncertainty that can cause fear and anxiety. We hope the citizens understand that we are doing what we feel is best to protect citizens safety and health. There is not a fool proof plan. We all have to work together as a community and county to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

We anticipate questions concerning this ordinance and what it means for our citizens. So we have created a short synopsis.

1. The ordinance IS a “stay at home” order for citizens of Scott County.
2. The authority is granted through the Missouri Revised Statutes. A violation is punishable as a misdemeanor.
3. This does NOT limit essential business operations, or employees who travel to or from essential business employment.
4. This does NOT limit citizens to travel for “essential activities”, such as picking up groceries or supplies.

5. This does require businesses that are not deemed “essential” by the Homeland Security definition to close as of the effective date and time.
6. This does NOT change what a majority of our citizens are already doing. This does NOT prevent “going outside”.

Finally, we want people to understand that the municipalities have come together to work on this ordinance in unison. We want consistency throughout Scott County. The Scott County Sheriff’s Department and local police departments will have the power to issue citations or make arrests for violations of the ordinance. The Scott County Prosecutor will be responsible for overseeing prosecution of violations.

We are encouraging citizens with questions to refer to the ordinance and the Department of Homeland Security document for defining essential businesses.