AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II. PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE: CHAPTER 211: OFFENSES, ARTICLE V. OFFENSES CONCERNING PUBLIC PEACE, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 211.720. MAKING AN IMPROPER REPORT INVOLVING DANGER TO LIFE, TO PROHIBIT THE MAKING OF IMPROPER REPORTS INVOLVING DANGER TO LIFE AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTY FOR SUCH CONDUCT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DUQUESNE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Duquesne, Missouri, be, and the same hereby is, amended by amending <u>Title II. Public Health, Safety and Welfare: Chapter 211: Offenses, Article V. Offenses Concerning Public Peace</u>, by adding new <u>Section 211.720</u>. Making an Improper Report Involving Danger to Life, to prohibit the making of improper reports involving danger to life, and prescribing the penalty for such conduct, so that new Section 211.720 shall read as follows:

"SECTION 211.720. <u>Making improper reports involving danger to life--</u> <u>Penalty</u>.

- 1. A person commits the offense of making an improper report involving danger to life if he or she, with criminal negligence with regard to the risk of causing the evacuation, quarantine or closure of any portion of a building, inhabitable structure, place of assembly or facility of transportation, knowingly:
- (1) Communicates an express or implied threat to cause an incident or condition involving danger to life; or
- (2) Communicates a knowingly false report of an incident or condition involving danger to life; or
- (3) Causes a false belief or fear that an incident has occurred or that a condition exists involving danger to life.
- 2. The offense of making an improper report involving danger to life is an ordinance violation punishable as prescribed in Section 100.220 of this Code.
- 3. No offense is committed under this section by a person acting in good faith with the purpose to prevent harm."

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed this 13th day of October, 2022.

Bill Sherman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Stemm, Assistant City Clerk