

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Council Meeting: September 2, 2020

Subject: COVID Ordinance Amendments

Person(s) Responsible: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Summary:

Brookings COVID numbers have increased dramatically over the past week. The guiding metrics have all been triggered with the exception of hospitalization. The current Ordinance (Phase 3) regulates bars, restaurants, salons, and retail. Additional regulations is needed to mitigate the increase in cases. Staff recommends extending the existing ordinance and necessary amendments including regulating residential gatherings to ten or less and ceasing the sale of alcohol past 10 p.m. Thursday - Saturday.

Background:

The City of Brookings is currently under Phase 3 with substantial conditions based on the past weeks data. As of Monday the seven-day positive rate is 34%. The desired rate is 5%. As of Monday Brookings County had 321 cases with 183 recovered or 138 active. This past week there have been substantial increases.

At the last City Council meeting thresholds and metrics were provided as guidance for Council and the public of existing conditions. This information is provided by local professionals and weighs metrics such as test positive rates, health care capacity, testing scope and capacity. As of the last report the only metric met was the capacity of hospitalization available.

The existing ordinance 20-010 is set to expire September 8th.

Discussion:

Current conditions warrant the extension of the COVID19 Phase 3 ordinance. Criteria of test positive rates, health care capacity, testing scope and capacity as well as the commencement of SDSU and the public schools should be considered in the determination of necessary phases and amendments. Amendments for consideration include:

- Place restrictions on all residential gatherings larger than ten (10) people
- Limit the sale of alcohol to 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday

- Require masks for events that require a city permit where six (6) foot social distancing cannot be achieved
- Require masks in all public places where six (6) foot social distancing cannot be achieved

The item is presented to City Council for action. The current ordinance will expire September 8th. City Council is provided with healthcare insight of local conditions. Based on this information and business/residential concerns, Council is asked to approve the extension and amendments. The summary of the recent COVID triggers is attached.

Legal Consideration:

None.

Financial Consideration:

None.

Options:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance extension and any additional amendments.

Supporting Documentation:

1. Resolution
2. Ordinance
3. Summary of COVID Triggers