

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Paul Briseno, City Manager
Council Meeting: August 25, 2020 / September 8, 2020
Subject: Renewal of COVID Ordinance
Person(s) Responsible: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Summary:

The current Ordinance (Phase 3) is set to expire September 8th. Based on threshold metrics, the extension of the ordinance regulating bars, restaurants, salons, retail and other requirements is warranted. Staff recommends renewal of the existing ordinance and any amendments.

Background:

The City of Brookings is currently under Phase 3 with moderate conditions. 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.

July 7th City Council extended the existing COVID 19 ordinance to September 8th. To extend or amend the existing ordinance or enact a new one, the City Council needs to hold two hearings. The current ordinance impacts:

Restaurants/Bars

- Maximum of ten (10) customers or 50% occupancy, whichever is greater
 - Occupancy capacity posted at front entry
- Groups of ten (10) or less and six (6) feet apart
- Cleaning of high touch areas/materials between users
- Screening employees recommended
- Employees required to wear masks
- Cleaning of used spaces before and after each customer
- No self-serve buffets or salad bars
- No sharing of condiments unless wiped between use

Grocery, Casino, Gyms, and Recreational Facilities

- Cleaning of equipment after use by customer and/or employee
- Maximum of ten (10) customers or 50% occupancy
 - Occupancy capacity posted at front entry

- Employees of Grocery stores will wear masks
- Protective measures/operations will be provided

Salons/Barber Shops

- Customers six (6) feet spacing & recommend service by appointment-only
- Employees will wear masks
- Clean equipment before and after each customer
- Adequate social distancing for waiting customers

Administrative exemptions allow for requested flexibility.

Item Details:

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 phasing and amendments. Potential amendments for consideration include:

- Restrictions on all residential gatherings larger than ten (10) people
- Require masks in public places where six (6) foot social distancing cannot be achieved

The item is presented to City Council for potential 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, the City Council is asked to approve the recommended extension. The summary of COVID triggers for the week ending 8/14/2020 is attached. Each Friday the report is given and therefor staff will provide and upload the most recent report to the website.

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. Ordinance

2. Summary of COVID Triggers
3. Chart of Ordinances and Cases