

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Paul Briseno, City Manager

**Council Meeting:** September 2, 2020

**Subject:** COVID Ordinance 20-019

**Person(s) Responsible:** Paul Briseno, City Manager

## **Summary:**

Brookings COVID numbers have increased dramatically. The guiding metrics have all been triggered with the exception of hospitalization. The current Ordinance (Phase 3) regulates bars, restaurants, salons, and retail and was extended at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Additional regulations are needed to mitigate the increase in cases. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 20-019 which requires masks for city-permitted events and inside business / public places when six feet social distancing cannot be achieved.

## **Background:**

The City of Brookings is currently under Phase 3. On Thursday, the seven-day positive rate was 35.4%. The desired rate is 5%. As of Friday, Brookings County had 431 cases with 248 recovered or 183 active. There has been substantial increases in the past two weeks.

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 mitigation measures. As of the last report, the only metric met was the capacity of hospitalization available.

## **Item Details:**

Current conditions warrant additional measures to the COVID19 Phase Three (3) Ordinance. Criteria of test positive rates, health care capacity, testing scope, capacity and mitigation ability should be considered when evaluating additional regulations designed to curb the spread. Specific language for consideration include:

- 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 regulates bars, restaurants, salons, and retail. The existing ordinance also requires employees of

certain businesses to wear masks. City Council is provided with healthcare insight of local conditions. Based on this information and business/residential concerns, Council is asked to approve Ordinance 20-019. The summary of the recent COVID triggers is attached.

**Legal Consideration:**

None.

**Financial Consideration:**

None.

**Options and Recommendation:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Refer to a Study Session
4. Deny
5. Do nothing

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

**Supporting Documentation:**

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Ordinance 9/8/2020 clean

Ordinance 9/8/2020 marked

Ordinance 9/2/2020

Summary of COVID Triggers