

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Paul M. Briseno, City Manager

**Council Meeting:** April 27, 2021

**Subject:** COVID 19 Resolution

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

## **Summary:**

The current ordinance requiring face coverings for indoor businesses and indoor public spaces will expire on April 30, 2021. At the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Council tabled a potential resolution to address COVID-19. Staff recommends removing the resolution from the table and approve the resolution with proposed revisions with a motion to amend. This action transitions the mandate to a recommendation.

## **Background:**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council approved an ordinance requiring face coverings for all indoor businesses and indoor public spaces. This ordinance will expire on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Council tabled a resolution to the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Discussion:**

Brookings County is in a substantial spread. As of April 22<sup>nd</sup> two of the three thresholds are met with 169 active cases and 11.4% of positivity. Brookings County has 36.2% of the total county population received at least one vaccine dose, and 44.9% of those 16 years and older in Brookings County has received at least one vaccine dose. The total number of deaths remains at 37.

The draft resolution would transition the mask mandate to a recommendation. The proposed resolution would:

- Transition all required language surrounding masks and occupancy to recommendations.
- Upon passage the existing mask and occupancy ordinance would end.

The intention of extending the mask mandate was to protect those most vulnerable. This population had the opportunity to become fully inoculated by the expiration of the mandate. Staff recommends the transition of a mandate to a resolution.

## **Legal Consideration:**

None.

## **Strategic Plan Consideration:**

This recommendation aligns with the strategic plans #2 which provides a safe, inclusive, and connected community.

**Financial Consideration:**

None.

**Options and Recommendation:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a study session
5. Do nothing

Staff recommends removing the resolution from the table and approve the resolution with proposed revisions with a motion to amend. This action transitions the mandate to a recommendation.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Resolution