

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Paul M. Briseno, City Manager

Council Meeting: May 25, 2021

Subject: Rescind COVID-19 Resolution

Person(s) Responsible: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Summary:

The current resolution recommending face coverings will expire at the end of June. In April, Staff recommended an evaluation of the COVID-19 conditions to determine if the elimination of all COVID-19 legislation was warranted. Currently, Brookings has a substantial reduction of cases and a moderate spread. Staff recommends rescinding the existing mask recommendation resolution.

Background:

In April, City Council approved a resolution recommending face coverings. The passed legislation transitioned all requirements to recommendations. The mask recommendation will expire in June.

Discussion:

Brookings County is in a moderate spread. None of the primary thresholds are met with 23 active cases as of the writing of this memo. Brookings County has 39.6% of the total county population received at least one vaccine dose, and 46.5% of those 12 years and older in Brookings County has received at least one vaccine dose. The total number of deaths remains at 37.

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 elimination of the existing 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 approval of the rescinding resolution as presented.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution