



# City of Brookings

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** RES 20-038, **Version:** 1

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Action on Resolution 20-038, an Emergency Resolution Modifying Certain Measures Set Forth in Ordinance 20-005 (Revised) and Deemed Necessary to Slow the Community Spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19).

### **Summary:**

The current ordinance regulating bars, restaurants, gyms, salons, casinos, etc. is set to expire May 6<sup>th</sup>. Brookings community and local businesses have successfully kept COVID-19 spread to a minimum. This has allowed the medical profession to adequately prepare. A recommendation for reduced regulation is presented to Council that allows the incremental opening of businesses while protecting employees and the public.

If approved, the City would have three (3) types of regulation available for action based on any spikes that need immediate action.

### **Background:**

The current emergency COVID-19 Ordinance 20-005 is set to expire May 6<sup>th</sup>. This ordinance was originally passed March 23<sup>rd</sup> and amended April 14<sup>th</sup>. The ordinance was implemented to reduce potential spread in Brookings. The first case of COVID-19 was realized March 23<sup>rd</sup> and as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, Brookings County had thirteen (13) cases.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the City Council passed the first reading of a Stay-at-Home ordinance should a spike in positive COVID-19 cases or other circumstances warrant implementation to counter an outbreak. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Governor issued a "Back to Normal" order that recognizes a community's ability to implement regulations.

The Brookings community partners and residents have worked diligently to flatten the curve which has given health care professionals time to prepare for a future peak and surge. It's essential all continue to be vigilant with prevention measures regardless of the regulation implemented. This includes social distancing and wearing of masks.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented and hold a first hearing for the presented ordinance.

### **Attachments:**

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