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Legislation Text

File #: ORD 20-007, **Version:** 2

Second Reading and Action on Ordinance 20-007, an Ordinance Amending Emergency Ordinance 20-005 (Revised) to Address a Public Health Crisis and to Revise Certain Measures Which Have Been Deemed Necessary to Slow the Community Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Summary:

The 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:

Emergency Ordinance 20-005 was set to expire May 6th and was amended through the adoption of Resolution 20-038 at the May 4 Special City Council meeting. Ordinance 20-005 was originally passed March 23rd and amended April 14th. The ordinance was implemented to reduce potential spread in Brookings. The first case of COVID-19 was realized March 23rd and as of May 1st, Brookings County had thirteen (13) cases.

On April 14th, 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 28th, 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.

Attachments:

Memo

Ordinance

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