

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL

WHEREAS, an outbreak of the disease COVID-19, which is caused by the novel coronavirus, has been confirmed in more than 100 countries, including the United States;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease transmitted by person-to-person contact, or by contact with surfaces contaminated by the virus. In some cases, especially among older adults and persons with serious underlying health conditions, COVID-19 can result in serious illness requiring hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, and death;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on the same day, Governor Kristi Noem, issued Executive Order 2020-04 which declared a state of emergency to exist in the State of South Dakota in response to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Kristi Noem issued Executive Order 2020-08 which is hereby incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, the CDC and health experts have recommended social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, social distancing is a method of slowing down or stopping the spread of a contagious disease by reducing the probability of contact between infected persons and those not infected in order to minimize disease transmission;

WHEREAS, in response to the need to implement social distancing all schools in the state have been closed for at least two weeks;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the White House issued guidance recommending that social gatherings of more than ten people be avoided and that people avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts;

WHEREAS, the guidance issued by the White House further recommended that in states with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where people congregate should be closed;

WHEREAS, many states and communities across the country have already implemented the White House recommendations by ordering all bars, restaurants, food

courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where people congregate be closed until the public health emergency is over;

WHEREAS, the failure to successfully implement social distancing will likely result in higher numbers of infected individuals and has the potential to overwhelm the capacity of the City's and County's health care providers; and

WHEREAS, it is important that control measures be taken to reduce or slow down the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and safety of the City's residents, especially for seniors and those with underlying health conditions that make them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Bristol on March 25, 2020, hereby recognizes the attached Ordinance as vital to the health and safety of the community and encourages its citizens to conduct themselves accordingly in the best interests of our community and the public.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2020.

CHRISTOPHER L. FARRELL
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

KIM DANIELSON-HUWE
City Finance Officer

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