

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE MANDATORY ORDERS
RELATING TO PUBLIC GATHERINGS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2207.**

WHEREAS, the City of Huron adopted ordinance 2207, which implemented certain social distancing guidelines and masking procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Governor of South Dakota to slow the spread COVID-19 virus through resolutions 2020-07, 2020-08 and 2020-16; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of wearing face coverings and social distancing is to slow the spread of the disease so that the region's health care system is not overwhelmed; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases in Beadle County has steadily decreased since our peak in November of 2020; and

WHEREAS, over 2,600 vaccinations have been given to Beadle County residents; and

WHEREAS, through its association with the Northern Plains Health Network, Huron Regional Medical Center is receiving 300 vaccines per week and the State of South Dakota is providing an additional 100-200 vaccine dosages weekly to selected pharmacies in Beadle County; and

WHEREAS, the vaccination outlook continues to improve in the available inventory at both the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Beadle County continues to have less than 100 active cases of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 hospitalization rates have significantly declined in the last several weeks

WHEREAS, the City has modeling that allows them to make predictions on the impact of certain social distancing regulations on the potential number of cases in Beadle County; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes in a strong economy and a business owner's right to do business unimpeded unless the public's overall health and welfare are in imminent danger; and

WHEREAS, based on the low number of active cases in Beadle County, the lack of hospitalizations over the past several weeks and the currently available modeling, the Mayor and City Commission have determined that social distancing restrictions can be modified to allow businesses to further open up the economy for on-site service of customers without causing the number of cases in the City to rise significantly.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Huron, that the following regulations be put in place to control the spread of COVID-19 within the City of Huron:

1. Any businesses identified in Paragraphs 1 through 4 of Huron City Ordinance 2207 may further reopen to serve patrons on-site pursuant to the guidelines established in this resolution.
2. Individuals in high-risk groups or underlying health conditions are recommended to continue to stay home when possible and take extra precautions.
3. The City and County continue to strongly encourage all individuals to continue to follow CDC guidelines and recommended hygiene practices, including engaging in social distancing and wearing masks when outside their homes wherever possible.
4. All businesses within Huron should continue to observe the following guidelines to slow and manage the spread of COVID-19:
 - a) Conduct daily employee temperature checks and screen for illness when practical.
 - b) Encourage social distance spacing while waiting for service or entry into business.
 - c) Encourage customers to use electronic payments rather than cash when possible.
 - d) In an effort to protect employees and patrons alike, businesses should install a Plexiglas or similar divider, where practical, in areas where interaction occurs between staff and customers (ordering, cashier, pickup, etc.).
 - e) Encourage customers to use curbside pickup or drive-through windows.
 - f) Perform a workplace assessment and modify their operation to the extent practical to maintain social distancing among employees.
 - g) Provide employee training on COVID-19 awareness, personal responsibility, and social distancing.
 - h) Require employees to wash hands at regular intervals.
 - i) Hand sanitizer locations should be readily available for public and staff use.
 - j) Implement routine environmental cleaning and disinfection program.
 - k) Actively encourage sick employees to stay home.
 - l) Limit access to common areas (break rooms).
5. The following types of businesses within Huron should observe the following additional guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19.
 - a) Restaurants, bars, and casinos:
 - i) Weather permitting, outdoor eating and drinking is encouraged in authorized areas. Salad bars, self-serve buffets, self-serve fountain drinks and other self-serve food or beverage options should increase their cleaning frequency to at least every 30 minutes for all face shields and counters or surfaces

exposed to the public, and all serving utensils should be changed at a minimum of every 30 minutes. Employees should be strongly encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water or utilize hand sanitizer every 20 minutes.

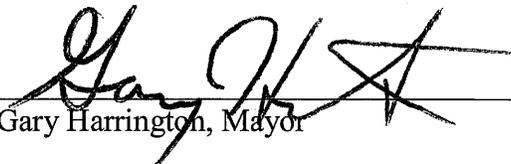
- ii Banquet areas of less than 1,000 square feet of floor area, shall be limited to 1 person per 25 square feet. All event, banquet staff (i.e., such as wait staff or customer food service staff) or other support staff will be required to wear masks or face coverings when in a “face-to-face” role with patrons or attendees.
 - iii Plastic coated menus shall be sanitized between each use. Paper menus shall be disposable and discarded after a single use.
 - iv All condiment storage on tables should continue to be limited; condiments delivered by customer request must be removed from the table and disinfected after each use.
 - v Business owners shall require all food service and wait staff, including but not limited to counter attendants, cooks, busboys, hostesses and servers to wear a mask when dealing with patrons unless other protective barriers are utilized. It shall be at the owner’s discretion as to whether a business will require masks or face coverings for patrons inside their business.
 - vi Active Video Lottery machines shall only have one (1) player/customer per machine, and shall be cleaned and disinfected after each customer use. Social distancing should be strongly encouraged.
- b) Grocery stores, retail businesses, recreation, gym and fitness businesses
- i Display prominent signage and/or other safeguards to encourage all customers not living in the same household to maintain 6’ social distancing when possible.
 - ii Where possible retail businesses should establish marks on floor or other signage to indicate six (6) foot social distancing for customers waiting in a line to enter a business, check-out, etc.
 - iii Where possible, businesses should continue to use one-way shopping traffic aisles, and use signage and/or floor markings to clearly delineate the direction of customer flow.
 - iv Gyms and fitness facilities are strongly encouraged to clean and disinfect equipment and/or mats between each use.
- c) Hair salons, nail salons, and barber shops staff:
- i. Should continue to wear masks which cover their nose and mouth during customer contact times.
 - ii. Customer seating and waiting area should maintain at least six (6) feet social distancing and should be cleaned and disinfected between each use.
 - iii. Given their need for extended exposure times, salons are strongly encouraged to continue to operate by appointment only. Contact information should be conspicuously posted on front doors for patrons to call if need be.

- d) Theaters, large gatherings and similar businesses and events:
 - i Fixed seating should be reduced to allow for 6' minimum social distancing whenever possible.
 - e) Motels, hotels, bed-and-breakfasts, sleeping rooms, daily house rentals should implement enhanced cleaning/disinfecting protocols.
6. Masks or face coverings will continue to be required for all persons entering any city property or attending a city event where social distancing cannot be attained.
- a) Large gatherings or events held in City facilities of greater than 1,000 square feet of area, shall be limited to no more than 1 person per 25 square feet or 75% of occupancy, whichever is greater. All event or "gathering" support staff will be required to wear masks or face coverings when in a "face-to-face" role with patrons or attendees.
7. In addition to the specific requirements listed above, businesses should strive to operate in a manner consistent with CDC guidelines and any applicable state regulations or executive orders.
8. This Resolution shall remain in effect unless otherwise repealed, modified or extended.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Huron, that due to the fact a national and statewide emergency has been declared and one of the primary recommendations to combat this emergency is to practice social distancing and limit person-to-person contact, this resolution is considered necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Huron and shall supersede resolutions 2020-07, 2020-08 and 2020-16, modifying ordinance 2207 and shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Moved by Bryan Smith, seconded by Mark Robish to approve Resolution 2021-02 this 1st day of March, 2021. FOR: Bryan Smith, Rich Bragg, Mark Robish, and Gary Harrington. OPPOSED: Doug Kludt. CARRIED.

CITY OF HURON



Gary Harrington, Mayor

ATTEST:



Paullyn Carey, Finance Officer

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