

CITY OF MITCHELL

City Council Meeting
Agenda Item Request



The deadline for agenda items is Wednesday at noon, prior to the City Council Meeting

Meeting Date Requested: Requested By:

Desired Action of City Council: Authorization Approval Resolution
 Ordinance Citizen Request Discussion

Amount Budgeted in current fiscal year for this item (if applicable):

Agenda Item:

Explanation/Background of Agenda Item Requested:

This ordinance takes several emergency measures in relation to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The primary focus of the ordinance is to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by closing areas/businesses where large amounts of people gather. These places include restaurants, bars, recreational facilities, theaters, bowling alleys, casinos, etc. Some of these may be able to continue operating using take-out, delivery, curbside service, or drive-thru business models.

The ordinance stresses the importance of following CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines for reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the importance of proper hygiene and sanitation practices.

The ordinance specifically exempts a number of locations and businesses that are not subject to the ordinance such as grocery stores, retail outlets, pharmacies, health care facilities, etc. Locations that are not subject to closure at this time should be working immediately to implement CDC practices. More facility types may need to be closed in the future depending on the circumstances that present themselves.

The ordinance also implements possible penalties for violating the ordinance and authorizes legal action if necessary to stop repeat violations. The ordinance will remain in effect until repealed or amended by the council. However, the mayor can suspend the ordinance if he determines the crisis has passed which would then allow the council to either vote to repeal the ordinance or to continue the ordinance in effect.

Finally, the ordinance confirms the Mayor's ability to take additional actions by executive order as authorized by City Code in relation to the emergency declaration. The executive orders have the same force and effect as an ordinance, and the duration of the emergency declaration is extended.