

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has the authority pursuant to SDCL 9-29-1 and SDCL 9-32-1 to pass resolutions for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the community, and to do what may be necessary for the promotion of health or the suppression of diseases; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

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

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 COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in South Dakota; and

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

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; and

WHEREAS, in response to the need to implement social distancing, all schools in the State of South Dakota have been closed for at least two weeks; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

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 City and County 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, by the City Council of the City of Aurora that:

1. Effective at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2020, all restaurants, coffee houses, bars, clubs, cafes and other similar places of public accommodation offering food and beverages for on-site consumption, including any alcohol licensees with on-sale privileges, are closed to on-site/on-sale patrons. These businesses may continue to operate in order to provide take-out, delivery, curbside service, and drive-thru food and beverage service. Off-Sale Service shall not be conducted curbside. Any business continuing to operate in order to provide off-site service should implement procedures to ensure social distancing and operate in compliance with federal and state health guidance in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This closure will remain in effect through Sunday, May 3, 2020.
2. Effective at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2020, all recreational facilities, health clubs, including music or entertainment venues are directed to close and cease operations during this emergency. This closure will remain in effect through Sunday, May 3, 2020.
3. Effective at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2020, all arcades, bingo halls casinos or areas of lottery machines and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities are directed to close and cease operations during this emergency. This closure will remain in effect through Sunday, May 3, 2020.
4. The prohibitions and closures in this order do not apply to the following businesses:
 - a. Places of public accommodation that offer food and beverages for off-site consumption, including grocery stores, markets, retail stores that offer food, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries, other than any portion

of such business which offer on-site consumption which would be subject to the requirements of paragraph #1.

- b. Hardware and supply stores
 - c. Crisis shelters, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, or other similar institutions.
 - d. Any emergency facilities necessary for the response to the current public health emergency or any other community emergency or disaster.
 - e. Official meetings of the city, schools, county, or state.
 - f. The operations and meetings of any state or federal courts.
5. This resolution shall remain in effect for a period of sixty (60) days, at which time it shall be automatically repealed unless specifically readopted for an additional period of time by the City Council. Any dates identified in the resolution for closures to automatically end may be adjusted at any time within the sixty (60) day period covered by this resolution of the City Council.
6. Any violation of this resolution is subject to penalty as provided in the Aurora Municipal Code. Each day a violation is allowed to occur is considered a separate offense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to SDCL 9-19-13, this resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City and shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2020.

CITY OF AURORA

Fred Weekes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Freng, Finance Officer