

RESOLUTION NO. 2328

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS PERTAINING TO COVID 19 HEALTH PUBLIC CONCERNS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR THE SAME.

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County declared a state of local public health emergency to be in effect for 60 days due to potential or occurring Pandemic known as COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger the public health, safety, and welfare of persons within the City limits of Liberal, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, mandates and recommendations have been issued on a federal, state, and local level to address this emergency through the Center for Disease Control as well as mandates from the Governor of the State of Kansas issued as recent as March 17, 2020 in Executive Order No. 20-04.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS:

That any and all events hosted by or held in conjunction with the City of Liberal, Kansas are hereby suspended. All meeting places typically available for reservation through the City are hereby closed. All city owned or maintained recreational facilities and events and the recreational center are hereby closed. City parks are still open, but care should be taken to ensure social distancing occurs and persons shall remain compliant with mandates regarding the number of individuals allowed to be in one area.

That the City highly recommends that the residents of the City of Liberal, Kansas refrain from gathering in meeting places in excess of the number of persons recommended and or required by the the Center for Disease Control, federal regulations, and State mandates. As of the date of the writing of this resolution, the Governor for the State of Kansas has issued a mandate prohibiting meetings of more than 50 people and recommendations from the federal government limit this number to 10 people.

That City Commission meetings shall be made available for the public to view real time by going to the following website: cityofliberal.org then clicking the "Watch Live" link under City Government. Individuals are prohibited from attending these meetings in person except for as specifically listed: City Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, Finance Director, IT personnel as needed, security as needed, and other personnel as deemed necessary by the City Manager and/or City Commission. Individuals prohibited from attending are encouraged to view the meetings via video. Due to the emergency health situation, media will not be able to be present in person but audio recordings will be made available per request directed to the City Clerk at 620-626-2201. Public comments may be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the meetings for discussion via email to publicinfo@cityofliberal.org or by first class mail to City Clerk, PO Box 2199, Liberal, Kansas 67905.

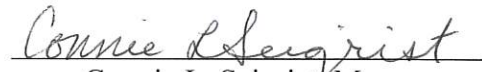
That all City Staff will be subject to quarantine as set out by the recommendations by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (the most recent recommendations being published on March 15, 2020).

That the public is strongly discouraged from visiting city offices in person and to use alternative methods, such as email and phone, in order to contact city staff. In the event personal contact is necessary, city staff and the public shall make all reasonable efforts to limit contact and exercise social distancing. Department heads shall be in charge of taking the appropriate steps within his or her department to ensure social distancing occurs.

That in the event of a confirmed case of COVID 19 in Seward County, Kansas, then all city facilities housing city staff will be off limits to the public except for the City Airport, Public Transportation, and Liberal Police Department. City staff shall work as scheduled and shall make reasonable efforts to limit contact and exercise social distancing while fulfilling job responsibilities. Efforts shall be made to ensure that the public is adequately served in all respects while maintaining health and safety of city staff and the public.

This resolution shall be in effect indefinitely or until further action is taken by the commission.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE ON THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.




Connie L. Seigrist, Mayor

[SEAL]



Attest:



Alicia Hidalgo, CMC, City Clerk