

RESOLUTION NO. 20 – 05 – 33

Council Member _____, supported by Council Member _____, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, restaurants, bars and other places of public accommodation were closed by Executive Order 20-04 which was extended by Executive Order 20-33.

WHEREAS, closure of these businesses was to take proactive steps to ensure that Minnesota was ahead of the curve on COVID-19 prevention and response.

WHEREAS, the executive orders were consistent with nationwide efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, closure of these businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant economic impact and loss to their businesses;

WHEREAS, the purpose of flattening the curve to allow medical facilities and personnel to gear up and acquire necessary PPE and capacity to manage the influx of patients with COVID-19 has been achieved;

WHEREAS, Minnesota is now ahead of the curve on COVID-19 prevention and response which is supported by Executive Order 20-56;

WHEREAS, restaurants, bars and similar businesses in Grand Forks, ND have reopened without any deleterious effect and with an abundance of caution;

WHEREAS, East Grand Forks, MN restaurants, bars, and other similar businesses are put at a competitive disadvantage simply because they are located in Minnesota;

WHEREAS, East Grand Forks, MN restaurants and bars have shown complete compliance with the CDC and MDH guidelines regarding safe practices since the COVID-19 pandemic started;

WHEREAS, the City of East Grand Forks will continue to monitor adherence to CDC, MDH, and OSHA guidelines related to COVID-19 to include social distancing, cleaning, disinfection and ventilation protocols to help ensure Minnesota and our region continue to remain ahead of the curve on COVID-19 prevention and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of East Grand Forks, MN is requesting that Governor Timothy Walz and the Minnesota Legislature:

1. Reopen restaurants, bars and other similar businesses, along with churches and other places of worship, sooner than the currently proposed timeframe with reasonable accommodations to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
2. Use the model of nearby states to guide the process;
3. Erase the competitive disadvantage placed upon Minnesota businesses;
4. Grant City officials the authority to review each establishment's preparedness plan for compliance with CDC, MDH, and OSHA guidelines prior to opening;

5. Enforce continued adherence to CDC, MDH, and OSHA guidelines related to COVID-19 to include all social distancing and cleaning, disinfection and ventilation protocols; and
6. Monitor the effect of reopening to assure the safety of employees and patrons of these establishments.

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent:

The President declared the resolution passed.

Passed: May 19, 2020

Attest:

City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

President of the Council

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this 19th day of May, 2020.

Mayor