

**CITY OF DAYTON  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN AND WRIGHT  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO 40-2020**

**URGING GOVERNOR WALZ TO ALLOW BUSINESS TO REOPEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Dayton City Council is urging Governor Walz to allow businesses, including “non-critical” businesses, in the City of Dayton to reopen; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Stay at Home Order” was to be lifted on May 4, 2020 but now has extended an additional two weeks (May 18, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has in place an local emergency order for which no end date has been established; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Stay at Home Order” has caused undue hardship and financial loss to many small businesses, some whom will never recover from this catastrophe, as businesses continue to have financial strain due to health and business insurance, taxes, rent, utilities and other costs, with no source of revenue to cover those costs; and

**WHEREAS**, all businesses can reasonably reopen as the “Stay at Home Order” is not a one size fits all solution. “Critical” businesses, such as hardware and grocery stores, can stay open but must successfully follow the guidelines handed down by the MN Department of Health and the CDC; our City’s non-critical businesses are just as capable of following those same guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, we firmly believe that all our businesses can reopen safely, and still provide adequate protection to our most vulnerable citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Dayton, Minnesota, respectfully requests that our non-critical business be allowed to reopen as soon as possible as we are concerned that some of those businesses may no longer be viable by May 18<sup>th</sup>.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the current emergency order in place in the City of Dayton shall automatically end at the same time as the Peacetime Emergency Order is lifted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each business must prepare and post a Preparedness Plan on-site prior to reopening. The Plan must address the items contained in the MN Department of Health and CDC guidance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Dayton will not direct City resources to monitor compliance with this order.

Adopted by the City Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020

APPROVED BY:

  
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Tim McNeil, Mayor

  
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Amy Benting, City Clerk