

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
COUNTY OF
WASHINGTON
STATE OF
MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-057

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO
SUPPORTING THE REOPENING OF BUSINESSES, RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS,
AND NON-PROFITS**

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01 on March 13, 2020, declaring a peacetime emergency because of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-04 ordering the temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation and also required that additional proactive measures be taken to slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-20, directing Minnesotans to stay at home except for certain exempted activities and critical sector work; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-18 continuing the closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-56 safely reopening Minnesota's economy and ensuring safe non-work activities during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency and removing Executive Order 20-48 (the "stay at home order"); and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-62 allowing worship, weddings, and funerals to proceed as safely as possible when following certain guidelines; and

WHEREAS, although certain Lake Elmo businesses (restaurants, personal care services, retail stores, etc.), non-profits, and religious institutions are allowed to be open under Executive Orders 20-56 and 20-62, they are limited in their capacities and the types of business that may be conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Orders have caused undue hardship and financial loss to many Lake Elmo businesses, religious institutions, and non-profits, both large and small, many of whom may never recover from this financial catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, Lake Elmo businesses, religious institutions, and non-profits continue to have financial strain due to having to pay insurance, taxes, rent, electrical, heating, cooling, and other costs; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Orders have affected these entities' base of employees, many of them who

cannot withstand the loss of wages and will seek other employment, thereby causing undue hardship and financial impact to business, religious institution, and non-profit owners and operators as they try to hire and train new staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake Elmo City Council encourages Governor Tim Walz to rescind the various Executive Orders that place operational limitations on businesses, religious institutions and to allow these entities to fully open provided they follow local, state, and federal requirements on social distancing and safety with respect to COVID-19; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lake Elmo City Council supports the choice of its residents and visitors to continue to stay at home or to move about freely in the City and to support the economy of the City, while conducting themselves in a way that preserves the health and safety of the public, including, but not limited to, following Minnesota Department of Health and Center for Disease Control guidelines with respect to stopping the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that nothing in this Resolution shall be interpreted to encourage or allow any action that would be a violation of law or not in accordance with local state, or federal COVID-19 guidelines.

APPROVED by the Lake Elmo City Council on this 2nd day of June, 2020.

By: 
Mike Pearson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Johnson City Clerk