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The Hailey City Council voted to extend its Isolation Order for one week in a special City Council meeting held today. Hailey’s current order was set to expire on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 11:59PM. All the terms of Hailey’s Order were extended in a three to one motion of the City council until Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 11:59 PM. Council member Kaz Thea voted against the motion.

City Council members predominantly felt that holding the delicate balance of community health, as the COVID illness curve begins to flatten, with economic health and mental wellbeing is a critical element. With only three or four days of improved health case statistics coming from Blaine County, they felt it important to allow more time to insure that good results continue. Mayor Martha Burke said “I’m concerned for the workers living within Hailey who may be put at risk if sent back to work at this time. Our primary goal is their protection within this pandemic. These workers are residents of our town.”

The Order continues restrictions that are more strict than those within the Idaho State Isolation Order currently in effect. Hailey’s regulations include:

- Residential and commercial construction projects are identified as non-essential businesses and not allowed to operate at this time.
- Plumbers, electricians and other trades can only perform work that is immediate and essential.
- Landscaping and other residential service providers are identified as non-essential businesses and are not allowed to operate at this time.
- Hotels and short-term rentals may not offer lodging to non-residents of Blaine County, except lodging may be provided to health care workers or those performing essential government functions.
- Blaine County residents returning home from out of state travel must self isolate at home for 14 days upon their return. Visitors from out of state coming to Blaine County must also self-isolate for 14 days.
- Travel outside of Blaine County to obtain items otherwise available in the County is prohibited.
- Gatherings of non-related individuals inside homes who don’t live there are prohibited.

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WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 (aka coronavirus) a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little signed a declaration of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 are imminent in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 the Mayor of the city of Hailey declared a local disaster emergency, and on March 23, 2020 the Hailey City Council consented and adopted the Declaration as per the Disaster Preparedness Act (Title 46, Chapter 10 of the Idaho Code), in the City of Hailey due to the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of the residents of Hailey; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare issued an Order to Self-Isolate for all individuals living in Blaine County including all cities, in Blaine County and all unincorporated areas of Blaine County; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Council for the city of Hailey adopted Ordinance 1260 establishing emergency powers that provide the authority, purpose, and intent of emergency powers to address the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020 the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare issued a Statewide Order to Self-Isolate that supersedes the March 20, 2020 Order for Blaine County; and

WHEREAS, as of the March 25, 2020 Statewide Order to Self-Isolate issued by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is set to expire on April 15, 2020, and may, or may not be extended, and

WHEREAS, the risk of renewed increase of community spread throughout the city of Hailey impacts the life and health of the public and public health is imperiled by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of March 2020, the City of Hailey adopted and issued Public Health Emergency Order 2020-01 which order referenced, but did not adopt, said Statewide Order issued by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and
WHEREAS, the emergency services and local healthcare facilities remain near capacity due to the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Blaine County and additional measures are necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Blaine County; and

WHEREAS, the Hailey City Council finds it necessary to adopt by reference the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s Statewide Order and extend these additional regulations to strengthen the March 25, 2020 regulations contained in the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Self-Isolation Order, adopted in substance and terms by this order, to continue to slow the community spread and protect the health, safety, and welfare of individuals living, working and visiting the City of Hailey; and

WHEREAS, this Order was considered and approved by the City Council in accordance with provisions of Emergency Ordinance 1260;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council do hereby extend the adoption of the following additional local modifications which shall be construed as stricter, local regulations from the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self Isolate:

SECTION 1: APPLICABILITY

This order adopts in whole, the substance and terms of the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self-Isolate (IDHW Order, attached hereto and made a part hereof) and extends the local additions thereto, and shall apply to individuals living, working, and visiting the City of Hailey and within a five-mile radius of the city limits, as reflected below. The additions are intended to supplement the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self-Isolate, and provide further restrictions to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. All other restrictions set forth in the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self-Isolate are incorporated herein and remain in full force

SECTION 2 ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES SHALL COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

All businesses that are permitted to remain open in accordance with the March 25, 2020 IDHW Order, shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements.

SECTION 3 TRAVEL INTO AND OUT OF BLAINE COUNTY

Travel is only allowed into or out of Blaine County to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses, or maintain Essential Governmental Functions. Travel by Blaine County residents to other Idaho counties to obtain supplies or goods that are otherwise available within Blaine County, is prohibited.
SECTION 4    RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ENTERING BLAINE COUNTY

Residents of Blaine County who have traveled out of State, or visitors to Blaine County coming from out of State, must self-quarantine in their residence for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of their arrival in Blaine County.

SECTION 5    CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS IS NOT CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Commercial and residential construction is not considered essential infrastructure and shall cease operations.

SECTION 6    WORK ESSENTIAL TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, HVAC contractors or other trades performing work that is immediate and essential to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses may continue. Routine maintenance and repair is not considered essential and shall cease operations. Landscaping is not considered an essential business.

SECTION 7    ESSENTIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services may only operate provided they are providing transportation exclusively for necessary Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order are considered essential businesses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, airport operations and aeronautical services are authorized to the extent permitted by applicable Federal Law.

SECTION 8    LIMITATIONS ON HOTELS AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS

For purposes of this Order, residences used for self-isolating include hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities.

During the term of this Order, hotels and short term rentals shall not offer lodging to any non-resident of Blaine County unless such individual is self-isolating, a Health Care Operations employee or performing Essential Government Functions.

SECTION 9    PENALTIES

In accordance with Hailey Municipal and Idaho Code, any persons who violate any provisions of the March 25, 2020 Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self Isolate and the modifications set forth in this Order, shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of $300, if charged with a violation of the local enhanced construction and trades standards and limitations, and a misdemeanor, if charged with a violation of the requirements of the Statewide Department of Health and Welfare Order.
SECTION 10 EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUNSET DATE

This Emergency Order shall take effect at 12:00 a.m., on April 13, 2020 and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2020.

APPROVED:

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Mayor, Martha Burke

ATTEST

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Mary Cone, City Clerk