



MINUTES

Eau Claire County

Joint: Committee on Administration & City – County Board of Health

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present (Committee on Administration): Gerald Wilkie, Ray Henning, Nick Smiar, Colleen Bates, Mark Beckfield

Present (Board of Health): Mark Kaeding, Elizabeth Spencer, Martha Nieman, Merey Price, Don Bodeau, Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator, Lieske Giese, Charles Ellefsen, Jenessa Stromberger, Kathryn Schauf, Norb Kirk, Richard Eaton, Jessica Rubin, Matt Theisen, Gina Holt

Public: Judy Gatlin (County Board), Donald Mowry (County Board), others present with total of 50 online registrants

Chair Smiar called the Committee on Administration to order at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Price called the City-County Board of Health to order at 2:30 p.m.

Verbal roll call was taken by the Committee Clerk for Administration and noted above and verbal roll call was taken by Chair Price for the Board of Health and noted above.

Chair Smiar confirmed confirmation of meeting notice.

The following had written or verbal comments “not in favor of” File No. 20-21/100:

Kyle Woodman, Kayla Rick, Don Hakes, Brandon Rice, Larry Jankowski, Tonja Hagen, Carol Peuse, Cassie Draper, Dain Heyrman, Ralph Palmer, Jeffrey Machusak, Sarah Gordee, Andrew Klevgard, Amy Walker, Joshua Andrew, Heather Knutson, Benjamin Van Goor, Sarah Smoczyk, Ashley Hanson, Julie Dick, Aaron Dekker, Charles Reiter, Jason Baker, Tucker Teige, Angie Frank, Justin Frank, Ethan Frank, Tammy Dettbarn, Tom Herro, Tom Gorres, Gerald Galloway, Jaimie Galloway, Anne Dettinger, Paul Uhlig, Tony Jankowski, David Kincaid, April Duval, Mike Klotz, Ken Bolton, Kayla Brummond, Anne-Marie Kallenbach, Kayla Rick,

The following had written or verbal comments “in favor of” File No. 20-21/100:

Linda Larson, Rita Volbrecht, Adam Accola, Rita Dorsey, Kent Buell, Jessica Hammock, Kathryn Bushman, Sara Fuller, Sandra Ringle, Elizebeth Lindsay, Celeste Synder, Ronald Ricci, Tara Sabin, Alyson Jones, Barbara VanDreese, Betty Cowley, Teresa Oberweis, John Lee, Angela Swenson-Holzinger, Rebecca Pyun, Linda Carlson, Sue Leonard, Kris Sivertson, Kelly Murray, Thomas Sanford, Christina Milton, Mike Blazel, Cheryl Leonard, Nancy Soley, Christine Geffe, Shawn Geffe, Michael Geffe, Sarah Geffe, Karen Spires.

All written comments received prior to the meeting were forwarded to the Committee on Administration and the City-County Board of Health prior to the start of the Joint Committee meeting for review.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bates, seconded by Supervisor Nieman to open File No. 20-21/100 Ordinance File No. 20-21/100 – To create Chapter 8.35 of the Code: COVID-19 Communicable Disease Mask Requirement, up for discussion.



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Lieske Giese, Health Department Director, provided an overview of the ordinance including the evidence framing this best practice and the use of local legislation as a policy tool. Lieske Giese advised the one change from the state order was that this ordinance requires that a business posts a sign on their door. The committee and Board of Health discussed the ordinance including history, connection to State Order, and citation authority. Clarification was given on the decision of the \$200.00 fine. Attorney Stromberger advises that it is consistent with the current state order. It was advised that the Health Department could document violations and move forward with citations, law enforcement would not be used. The current process of education and documentation that is used by the health department with the State face covering order was described as well as information shared that education, shared advocacy with multiple organizations including health care partners and the Chamber were the focus of the health department's work. Supervisor Beckfield recommends more positive education and less feeling of threatening enforcement. Supervisor Bates recommends looking at the fines more closely and when that would be appropriate. BOH member Bodeau and Eddy provided support for the evidence for this policy. BOH member Neiman, and BOH member Spencer discussed value of face covering use as a strategy.

Chair Price called for a verbal roll call vote for the approval of File No. 20-21/100. 6 yes, 1 no (Mark Kaeding.) Motion is approved. At this time Chair Price called for the adjournment of the City-County Board of Health.

The City-County Board of Health was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Clerk of Committee on Administration
Assistant to the County Administrator