

**APRIL 9, 2020**

The Common Council of the City of LaPorte met in emergency session on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. by virtual attendance. (the meeting was live on Facebook and recorded by Access LaPorte County)

**Pledge**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dermody.

Present: Brown, Feikes, West, Galloway, Cutler, Franke and Vincent

Absent: None

**Public Comment**

Mayor Dermody stated as this meeting is being held virtually, the Council address comments at the end of the meeting.

**Introduction of a Resolution of the Common Council of LaPorte, Indiana Extending the Mayor's Executive Order 1-2020 Retail Responsibility Act**

Councilman Galloway moved to introduce an Ordinance; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Franke read a Resolution of the Common Council of LaPorte, Indiana Extending the Mayor's Executive Order 1-2020 Retail Responsibility Act in its entirety.

The Mayor asked City Attorney Nick Otis to explain the suggested amendments made to the Executive Order. Mr. Otis advised based on the feedback from affected retailers, the Executive Order now includes suggested language for third-party delivery services, such as Instacart, to be considered employees and not to count toward the customer maximum. Additionally, the new language includes increasing the cap to 150 people for square footage up to 75,000 to help decrease lines outside of retailers.

**Motion/Vote – Adopt Resolution No. R-3-2020**

Councilwoman Feikes moved to adopt the Resolution as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-3-2020**

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 1-2020 RETAIL RESPONSIBILITY ACT**

**Other Business**

Mayor Dermody noted that moving forward, Jeff Batchelor, Code Enforcement Director, will be enforcing the Executive Order, and any questions or concerns should be directed his way. Mayor Dermody also asks that the public keep the community clean and has asked Mark Schreiber, Director of Parks and Recreation to put together teams from within the City to clean up the litter at NewPorte Landing and beyond. The Mayor stated that it only takes five minutes to clean up your area in an effort to do your part to keep La Porte clean.

The Mayor and Council addressed questions from the public via Facebook Live. These questions included a possible curfew, checking in on family and being able to walk at Beechwood Golf Course. The Mayor advised the public can contact him directly if they have any further questions or concerns.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Councilwoman Feikes moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas P. Dermody, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: April 20, 2020