

**RESOLUTION NO. 1474
CITY OF PRINEVILLE, OREGON**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO MINIMIZE THE
SPREAD AND EXPOSURE OF THE CORONAVIRUS**

Whereas, to date, an estimated 662 people in Crook County have unfortunately contracted the Coronavirus, and an estimated 22,779 people have not contracted the virus; and

Whereas, Crook County presently contains 0.005% of Oregon’s total Coronavirus cases; and

Whereas, the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) promulgated the Temporary Oregon OSHA COVID-19 Rule, effective November 16, 2020, and codified as OAR 437-001-0744 (“OSHA Rule”), which combats the spread of Coronavirus in all workplaces by requiring employers to carry out a comprehensive set of risk-reducing measures, including physical distancing, use of face coverings, and sanitation.

Now, therefore, the City of Prineville hereby resolves:

1. That all persons and entities within Prineville that are adhering to the OSHA Rule constitute reasonable precautions to minimize Coronavirus’s spread, and that when adequately communicated and effectively enforced, serve to adequately prevent or minimize employee exposure, including accidental exposure, to the Coronavirus.


2. That all persons and entities within Prineville may present this RESOLUTION to any court or tribunal, including proceedings before administrative bodies, as prima facie evidence of good faith compliance with relevant state and local laws and rules, including administrative rules, while engaging in activities that are inconsistent with executive orders related to the Coronavirus.

3. That this RESOLUTION constitutes prima facie evidence that in Prineville the hazard posed by the Coronavirus is one of low probability and risk, and that reasonable precautions, as defined above, taken by persons and entities to minimize Coronavirus’s spread constitute good faith efforts regardless of whether such precautions are consistent with executive orders related to the Coronavirus.

4. That reasonable precautions, as defined above, when adequately communicated and effectively enforced, serve to adequately prevent or minimize employee exposure, including accidental exposure, to the Coronavirus regardless of whether such precautions are consistent with executive orders related to the Coronavirus.

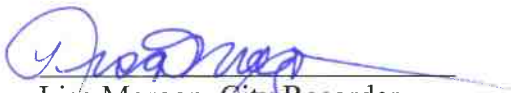
5. That this RESOLUTION has no legal effect unless and until it is validated by a Circuit Court.

Approved by the City Council this 26th day of January, 2021.



Rodney J. Beebe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Morgan, City Recorder