

CITY OF LINCOLN CITY

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

FRIDAY JUNE 19, 2020 12:00 PM

12:00 PM - The Lincoln City Special City Council meeting for June 19, 2020 will be held via Zoom. The City Council Chambers will be open and the meeting will be broadcast live in the Council Chambers. It will also be live on Channel 4 and through streaming on the web at www.lincolncity.org.

The City Council will not be taking public comment during this meeting.

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All information for this meeting is available at www.lincolncity.org under "Agenda, Packets & Video". This meeting will be televised live on Channel 4. For additional rebroadcast times, please consult the Channel 4 guide on the hour.

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 - 1. COVID-19 Special Meeting to Discuss Items for Joint the Meeting with the County Commission**
- D. ADJOURNMENT**

Council Communication

COVID-19 Joint Meeting

Meeting Date:	June 19, 2020	Primary Staff Contact:	Ronald F Chandler
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Secondary Dept:		Secondary Contacts:	
Approval:	Ronald F Chandler	Estimated Time:	1 Hour

The intent of this meeting is to discuss the issues that will be presented during the joint meeting with the Lincoln County Commissioners that is scheduled for June 19, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

Attached, please find the following.

1. An email from Lincoln County Council Wayne Belmont providing information about the joint meeting with the Lincoln County Commission. This is the most recent communication I've received.
2. Public comments received since the City Council's last meeting pertaining to COVID-19.

Attachments:

tentative joint meeting 6-19-2020(PDF)

public comments 6-9 through 6-17 (PDF)

Ronald Chandler

From: Wayne Belmont <wbelmont@co.lincoln.or.us>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:37 PM
To: Rod Cross; Judy Richter; Willie Worman; Dean Sawyer; Spencer Nebel
 (s.nebel@newportoregon.gov); Dick Anderson; Ronald Chandler; Susan Woodruff;
 Dann Cutter; Mayor; Shannon Beaucaire
Cc: Richard Appicello; David Allen; david@osterlundlaw.com
Subject: Tentative Joint Meeting with the Board and Commissioners and Mayors and City
 Councils (Siletz, Toledo, Lincoln City, Depoe Bay, Yachats, Waldport and Newport)

The Board of Commissioners today authorized several actions related to Lincoln County's COVID -19 outbreak(s) response:

(1) A Public Health Directive will be issued by the Local Public Health Administrator and the County Health Officer concerning face coverings. This Directive is complementary to the Governor's Executive Orders (to date) concerning face coverings and will mandate wearing of face coverings in certain indoor and outdoor situations. It will focus first and foremost on the primary actions continuing in place to stop the spread of the virus - - staying at home if ill, socially distancing at all times, limiting group contacts, and washing hands frequently, but will also provide directives on use of face coverings. These directives are self executing (that is they do not come with any enforcement mechanisms), but are more than just a recommendation - - they are a mandate. Many jurisdictions in Washington State have utilized these local health directives.

(2) The Board has asked that we schedule another joint meeting with the city governing bodies. Tentative date is **Friday June 19th at 1:30 pm**. We will use Newport's City Council Chambers for another virtual meeting. The Board has directed me to prepare an enactment for adoption at the meeting which will require, at minimum, mandatory face coverings beyond what is currently required in the Governor's Executive Orders. Based on our discussions with OHA and the State's Public Health Officer / State Epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger today about the efficacy of face coverings, the enactment will require face coverings for all employees *and customers* at pharmacies and and grocery stores over 2500 square feet in size. This is intended to allow vulnerable community members (over 65, those with health conditions, others susceptible to complications from the disease) to get essential needs met - - medicine and food - - with the added protections coming from having everyone in those regulated environments taking maximum precautions to protect each other. This would be an enforceable requirement. At this point it will only apply to those businesses, but the Board has left it open to go further if there is a consensus reached with other Cities to expand the requirements. The Board will adopt this enactment for unincorporated areas of the County, but as was done with lodging properties, will allow for concurrence of cities to expand its application into jurisdictions that will desire the regulations to apply within their own city limits. Once again the Board would like to see uniformity of regulations within the County, but in this instance, it is likely the Board will adopt this enactment (or some amended version) whether or not any or all cities concur.

(3) The Board would also like to discuss with cities two other regulatory issues: (a) the 24 hour hold on lodging properties before the property can be cleaned and rented again. We have all heard now from lodging property owners asking this requirement be lifted as not applicable under current guidance and industry recommendations. This was only to continue through phase 1 and it is unknown at this time when we will move to phase 2; (b) the current guidance under phase 1 allows a broad array of gatherings generally up to 25 persons. Baseline guidance, which is before phase 1, now limits certain cultural, civic and faith based gatherings to 25 persons, but all other local and social gatherings are limited to 10 people. The Board, based

on their understanding of the spread of the disease, may want to go back to that baseline guidance for gatherings (but not other baseline restrictions).

We will tentatively schedule this meeting for Friday and provide required notice for all the cities (but please provide notice as required for your respective entities if needed in order to have a quorum present for a vote). This is again a rapidly changing situation and more information (including draft enactments for consideration) will be provided prior to the meeting. If your city cannot participate, please let us know. We wanted to provide a quicker method of consideration of these vital issues given the changes in our local situation, rather than wait for each entity to take this up in the regular course of business. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Wayne Belmont
Lincoln County Counsel
wbelmont@co.lincoln.or.us

Ronald Chandler

From: Mona Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: COVID-19

Why is a law not being passed to make all people in open spaces and every store, bar, mall, etc. wear facemask?

If the LC Council can't make this a law then who can and why isn't it being done?

Thank you,

Mona Martin

Ronald Chandler

From: St. James Santiago School [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Require Masks!

Dear Public Comments Forum,

Speaking on behalf of the community of St. James Santiago School, we support a mask requirement for any enclosed space in Lincoln City.

Our students, parents and staff are desperate for school to be open this fall. Children need to learn in person. Parents need to stop teaching and go to work. Teachers need to teach as they were trained to do most effectively. So many beneficial things can't and won't happen if it's not safe enough to open school.

We support doing all you can to keep infection numbers down, protect the public, and preserve the city for the long term. Masks are the simplest, most effective solution we have.

If we wear masks, we can do so much more safely, now and in the future.

Thank you,

Julie Fiedler
Director
St. James Santiago School

Ronald Chandler

From: Kathleen Alexander [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:17 AM
To: City Council; boc@co.lincoln.or.us; Public Comment
Subject: Masks

Dear City Council and Board Members,

Please protect the people in this county. Please support mandatory masks in essential businesses! My husband and I are in the "most vulnerable" category due to age and medical conditions. We are not expendable. We are still, and most likely will be, "sheltering in place" for as long as the virus is active, but we still need to go to the grocery store, pharmacy and post office. I do not feel safe because so many are refusing to wear a mask. Also, there is "mask shaming" happening, so I don't feel safe for that reason. The employees/staff of essential businesses deserve to be protected so that they can continue to support the citizens of this county. Even if it is just for essential businesses, please protect the citizens of this county. Please support us from the people who do not care about the welfare of others. Please advocate for what is right for our well-being. I appreciate the difficulty of being a leader, especially during these times, and I pray for your wisdom and courage.

Most sincerely,
Kathleen Alexander

Ronald Chandler

From: Leoda Barr [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:50 AM
To: boc@co.lincoln.or.us; Public Comment; City Council
Subject: Face Masks

It is a horribly sad day when people **cannot be required** to wear a simple face masks to protect others as well as some protection for themselves **unless there is a law** making them do so! It is also disgusting that Pacific Seafood can get away with not providing information so that contact tracing can be done to determine who has been exposed to covid-19 in their processing plants. This can be a life or death matter for some of Lincoln County's residents. We all deserve better treatment than you are providing. Get busy and do your jobs.

Seventeen years ago when we moved to Lincoln City our neighborhood was made up of permanent and second home residents. No vacation rentals! Now since rezoning by our money hungry powers that be, we have tourists. This past weekend there were 4 families staying at the house across the street in a 3 bedroom average sized home. Thank you Lincoln City and Vacasa management company for changing the face of our neighborhood. No wonder working people can't find a place to live here.

How can you expect to control the spread of this virus when these problems exist? Allowing tourists too early (contact tracing?), allowing a company to refuse to divulge who was positive for the virus (contact tracing?), treating and testing people who actually live here? **You can't even require anyone to wear a mask!**

Leoda and Brook Barr
[REDACTED]

Ronald Chandler

From: Valerie LeBoeuf [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Public Comment; City Council; Boc@co.lincoln.or.us
Subject: Make Masks Mandatory for all in Lincoln County

I am writing to urge you to make masks mandatory when going inside public places and private businesses in Lincoln County. That is, mandatory for both employees, staff, and the public.

I also urge you to pause short-term rentals for non-essential travel for the next 30 days, as our County has been inundated with non-essential travel visitors from across the US since June 1st. I have to believe that this increase in outside non-essential visits to our County has a strong correlating relationship to the increase of positive COVID-19 cases in Lincoln County.

In regard to enforcement, speeding and littering within the County are prohibited and subject to citation and fines. Obviously, we do not have enough law enforcement to catch and cite every person who speed or litters. However, knowing that speeding and littering are unlawful actions and are subject to citation and fine, is a standard method of reducing the possibility that people will speed and litter. I suggest that you review the mandatory wearing of masks with the same standard of review.

Valerie Stephan-LeBoeuf
Lincoln City Resident
[REDACTED]

Ronald Chandler

From: Holly Huebner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:33 AM
To: City Council; boc@co.lincoln.or.us; Public Comment

Good morning,

I would like to share how my family and I feel about wearing masks in businesses or close quarters. We live in Lincoln City and we have been riding this roller coaster along with everyone else. We don't live in fear, but fear is there. My husband is older and has COPD, and all 3 kids and myself have asthma. When the stay at home orders happened, I had already been laid off. My husband had to close his Barbershop and it was not easy for him. We took all the precautions during that time: We stayed home, I was the one that did all the shopping and errands to minimize exposure and I wore my mask and used hand sanitizer. I eventually got unemployment benefits after a month and a half, he did not receive anything from SBA besides a letter stating his credit wasn't good enough to receive the funding. We scrambled to get supplies to prepare when we heard Phase one was beginning. We had hand sanitizer, disinfectant, masks, gloves, signage, the sign-in book...we felt we had no choice but to open because we had so many bills piling up and not enough income to pay them. He received some of what he was expecting from Pandemic Unemployment for self employed about 2 weeks after he had to open. It helped, but he was unable to continue claiming because he was back to work and the amount wasn't enough to cover the unpaid bills. My point is that we did everything we could do to keep our family safe, and we continue to do that. At the Barbershop, there is a limit to the number of people inside, temperature is taken at the door before hand sanitizer and signing in, and masks are required. It helps us not be as afraid and helps reassure customers that the Barbershop is doing what it can to keep them safe as well. I would like to know why this can't be done in the other businesses in town? Since reopening, I see a flood of tourists in groups close together not wearing masks. Everywhere. I don't feel safe or comfortable going out, even less so than during Quarentine when we knew less about what was going to happen. My kids and I stay home, my husband stays home unless he's at work. Our Quarentine, as locals, continues with no end in sight because of the carelessness and selfishness of people passing through for fun. I don't enjoy wearing a mask, most people don't, but I also don't enjoy potentially killing people or bringing the virus home to my family. It is not even a choice for me, and sadly others are making a poor choice that affects me directly. Please, please stop asking nicely that people wear masks if they want to. Please let them know that it is not a choice they get to make when it affects everyone else around them.

On behalf of myself, my family, my friends, and everyone else,

Thank you for making difficult choices that involve uncomfortable discussion. I look forward to hearing that the unofficial continuance of the Quarentine in Lincoln City for locals is coming to an end.

Sincerely,
Holly Huebner

Ronald Chandler

From: Necolina Hayes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: To mask or not to mask
Attachments: I first want to commend the front line employees that are taking endless abuse by the never mask group.docx

Dear City leaders:

I first want to commend the front line employees that are taking endless abuse by the never mask group. I could copy and paste but this is theirs to tell and my hope is they are sharing with you.

The virus has this town in arms and many are acting like frightened children. My grandson was about 5 when he would say you're not the boss of me.

Starting at the beginning the CDC, our Governor, County commissioners passed a stay home policy. Most of us did so. We then had the parade and protests about certain factions losing their rights. The governor set guild lines for us to follow and most of us did. The Grocery Stores and essential services set up rules to keep us safe but this is not good enough for those screaming about their rights. They feel it necessary to push and bully workers and customers alike.

My husband and I are seniors with underlying conditions. We have been told to stay home, order your groceries on line and certain establishments will arrange for pick up. We are not to go out in any public setting because certain people feel their rights are violated if they are asked to wear a mask. I've had it. Our rights are being violated. My husband love to go to the dollar store and buy his Sudoku books. We tried and the store had all of the employees and physical distancing signs up, but a group of four pushed their way in front of him and we felt it necessary to leave. Tried shopping at Safeway, they were doing a great job for a while but while waiting in line behind the designated mark for physical distance an older man decided he was the line monitor and forcefully told me to move on. Went to Kennys' and was waiting behind my line at the Deli Counter and a delivery man pushed his way in front. I am now shopping at Costco because they enforce the whole mask thing and have started a list of local business that enforce the mask thing. (Am getting pretty beat up over that one)Seniors are a large part of the economy and our dollars make a difference. We should not have to Order on line or go to Tigard to purchase our groceries because a few think it is their right to intimidate. As kind as I know groceries are trying to out front pick up I have not had a great experience order \$125 and was delivered \$75. I like to do my own shopping and feel it condescending to be told I can just stay home. We are not bedridden What happened to my rights?

Richard and Nikki Hayes

Ronald Chandler

From: Nora Sherwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Public Comment; City Council; Boc@co.lincoln.or.us
Subject: Please do what you can to protect the community

Hello!

I am writing because I am alarmed that many folks here locally have resumed “business as usual” without giving much consideration for the fact that we are in the *midst of a historic pandemic*. I understand that people want to get back to our old lives, I really do. I’m a math teacher, and I taught the last 3 months of school over Zoom, so I truly, truly get it. But I’m almost 60, and I’ve got people who count on me, so I personally can’t fool around with Covid-19.

I think the state leadership has done a pretty good job of telling people to be cautious, and the information about the phased approach to reopening has been very good. It’s not as strong as it could be, but it’s pretty good.

Here at the local level, we need much more emphasis on wearing masks, social distancing, and being mindful about how much time you spend around people. Stores, for the most part, are doing what they can, but they could be doing better. What can you do to push harder on this message? It’s time to pull out all the stops. Station city/county employees around the area next to face mask/hand-washing stations? Large banners/billboards in many locations reminding people to socially distance? Funding large displays for every store/public place that have counters for how many local cases / hospitalizations / deaths the county currently has? It’s time to get creative.

Thanks,
Nora



Nora Sherwood
Science Illustration and Wildlife Art
Oregon Women-Owned Business & Emerging Small Business Certified



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Ronald Chandler

From: aha99-comcast [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Public Comment; City Council; boc@co.lincoln.or.us
Cc: Courtney Liberato; Ronald Chandler
Subject: Public Comment

Dear Lincoln City and Lincoln County Representatives,

I am very concerned with the large increase of Covid-19 cases in Lincoln County over the last two weeks. I am writing to request that you implement a requirement for people to wear masks in public. I am especially concerned about grocery stores where I have to go for food supplies. I am able to avoid most other stores and shelter in place at my residence in town, but grocery stores are not an option for me - I must go there to survive. I am requesting that you pass a resolution that requires all grocery/food store employees and customers wear face masks. This should be enforced by the store owners and would be no different than having a "sanitation employee" like they have at Safeway that is responsible for assuring customers are entering with a mask and wearing the mask in the store. They are implementing this in the larger cities and we should be implementing it here as well. Ideally, the county and city would implement a mandatory mask for all stores in Lincoln County, not just grocery stores, but hardware stores, BiMart, etc. as well.

Also, I am noticing a lot of tourists in town and a large majority of them do not think they are doing anything wrong traveling during a requested no-travel policy statement from Kate Brown, except for essential travel. I think the County should be broadcasting that we too are asking people not to travel until that policy is lifted state-wide and especially since we are having a large increase of Covid cases and outbreaks. Also, I have noticed that the majority of tourists must think the pandemic order is over since most of them do not wear masks along with their non-essential traveling for vacations. I think they are confused that traveling is okay in this state, but according to state-wide policy we are not "open" for travel more than 50 miles from your primary residence.

I am also writing to ask about the current situation of rentals in Lincoln City. The place I live is here in Lincoln City as a full-time resident in an apartment-style complex that has recently opened back up the rental pool. It is a small apartment-style complex with less than 20 units. Only a few units are rented out. For one of the rentals they have not been waiting any amount of time between renters. What resources are there to notify the owner that they are violating the rules and that they need to adjust their rental practices? This is just an observation and I don't want to be policing my neighbors, but I am concerned that their practices are putting residents at risk.

For that reason, I am requesting that you send a mailed notice to all property owners in the county notifying them of the mask and rental restrictions. I think this is possible by using your Assessor database for the mailing notification. I am requesting that you allocate the funds and staff time to setup this mailing. I believe the rentals should also be required to include a printed sheet in the rooms letting visitors know it is a requirement to wear masks and also providing a mask for each of the people staying in the rooms. If you are not willing to implement a mask policy, I am asking that you at the minimum do the property owner notification and also require rental units to have masks in the room for visitors. I know there has been an effort for drive-up distribution of masks, but to really get them to visitors it would work well to have the masks in the rentals when the visitors arrive.

I hope you can address these urgent items. I am hoping we don't get a MAJOR outbreak of Covid-19, but it appears we are heading in that direction with the large increase over the last two weeks. please, I am asking you to implement a mandatory mask policy county-wide!

Thank you for your time and consider the items I have outlined in this email.

Best Regards,
Kathy Aha
Lincoln City Resident

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 2:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Diane Kusz
Subject: RE: Public safety

Dear Mr. Wise:

Councilor Kusz sent me your email. Thank you for sending it. I will send it on to the City Council for their consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Ron Chandler
 CITY MANAGER

City of Lincoln City
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 P: 541-996-1200 | F: 541-994-7232
 E: rhandler@lincolncity.org | W: LincolnCity.org

From: Sacerdos 81 [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Diane Kusz
Subject: Public safety

I am concerned for the public and would like to inform you that with 1000+ people social distancing in a space as small as the Lincoln outlet mall is insufficient when that number circulates every few hours.

With Lincoln county being a Hot zone for Covid-19 with the latest tests coming back positive on a lot of our work forces and locals it is not only a danger to our community but to others and their families by allowing non essential shopping to be going on at the mall. Please consider this and Our lives in this matter.

Thank you
 Brandon wise

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Request

From: Diane Kusz <dkusz@lincolncity.org>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Steve Griffiths [REDACTED]
Cc: Ronald Chandler <rhandler@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Re: Request

Thank you for voicing your concern, you have been heard! I am forwarding your email to City Manager to add to the others who have shared this same concern.

Kindest Regards,

Diane Kusz
City Councilor Ward 2
[REDACTED]
Lincolncity.org

From: Steve Griffiths [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Diane Kusz
Subject: Request

Dear Diane,

Today the total of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Lincoln County reached 198. That's 198 too many.

Please work with your fellow City Council members to pass an ordinance requiring that masks be worn in all places of business in Lincoln City. The requirement must apply to everyone — locals and tourists alike.

No mask. No entry.

Thank you,

Steve Griffiths

Ronald Chandler

From: John Haeckel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Rock World
Subject: Make wearing masks mandatory

I believe there are way to many new cases of Covid-19 and that ordnance's requiring mask in public should be made with substantial penalties. In Stores, shops everywhere. And if that doesn't slow the virus then we should send the tourist packing and go pack to phase one.

Thank you,
John Haeckel

Sent from my iPhone

Ronald Chandler

From: Val McDowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: As a local full time resident...

I have great concern that there have been comments by or sightings of our illustrious mayor during the pandemic. I look at the leadership and professionalism shown by both the mayors of other beach communities, especially the mayor of Newport and our county commissioners, and I'm appalled at the lack of leadership in our town. Perhaps too busy running for other office or protecting your VRBs?

As with our federal government, I know where my vote will be next time around...and it won't be for incumbents.

Val McDowell
Cutler City

Ronald Chandler

From: vonelle swanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:18 PM
To: Boc@co.lincoln.or.us; City Council; Public Comment
Subject: Mask Wearing Ordinance Needed Desperately

Hello,

Our town needs an ordinance for wearing masks in all public places. I cannot go back to work as I'm in the high risk category and customers are encouraged but not required to wear masks. Some places do, some don't. They all need to require masks. A lot of other cities require them, even in third world countries! (People are fined if caught without a mask.)

I want our town to be recognized in a positive manner, not for having high numbers of Covid-19.

Thank you for all you do!

Vonelle Swanson

Ronald Chandler

From: Val McDowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Re: As a local full time resident...

Make that have been NO comments

Val McDowell

> On Jun 15, 2020, at 6:01 PM, Val McDowell [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Val McDowell

> Cutler City

Ronald Chandler

From: Joan James [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Masks, Masks, Masks

Please vote to REQUIRE everyone to wear masks in businesses, especially in grocery stores and pharmacies in Lincoln City and Newport.

We were in our Lincoln City Safeway last Tuesday and it was very crowded. About half of the shoppers were NOT wearing masks and were not paying any attention to social distancing. A man without a mask bumped into me going the wrong way down an aisle. As a neighbor of mine described it..."it's the Wild West". I have to believe that Safeway is not alone in this regard. I'm guessing those not wearing masks were a combo of residents and tourists and if they don't wear them at Safeway, they certainly aren't wearing them anywhere else. That's a disaster waiting to happen!

Verified cases of Covid-19 have skyrocketed in the County. They were just at 7 for weeks and suddenly now it's over 200. I spoke to the manager of Safeway and while he is not authorized to require masks in order to get in the door, he would definitely adhere to a City/County ruling on this. I have no patience with the argument that it violates anyone's rights. If you are required to wear a seat belt in your car, wearing a mask in a retail business to protect your fellow citizens, as well as yourself, is perfectly reasonable. This bug is relentless so it simply makes sense to toughen the rules and try to get rid of it asap.

I have lung issues, but right now in this time and place, I would never think of entering any business without a mask even though it is a bit difficult for me to breath with anything covering my mouth and nose. All I can say to those who rant about their rights is what about mine and just shut up and suck it up! Sorry, but I'm a bit short on patience at this point. I like living!

I hope you will vote to require masks. I know I'll definitely be watching to see who votes and how they vote as will my neighbors.

Thanks for your consideration!

Joan C. James



Ronald Chandler

From: Rose Knee [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Please remove the 24 hour hold between bookings on vacation rentals

Hello,

I'm writing to please employ you to remove the 24 hold required between bookings for vacation rentals in Lincoln city. We had 3 months with no income if we do not fill up summer we will not make it through the Winter to pay our mortgage.

From what I have read from the CDC with proper and extensive cleaning procedures there is very little chance of contracting the virus on a surface.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Rose and Jake Knee

Owners of [REDACTED] And supporters of Lincoln city since 2005.

Ronald Chandler

From: Daniel Wentz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Public Comment; Judy Casper; Rick Mark
Subject: Resident thoughts on mandatory face coverings and the current "24 hour hold" policy for lodging

Hello Judy, Rick, and other Councilors.

My name is Dan. I've been a resident of Lincoln City on and off for the past 5 years. I work & live within the city and a large portion of my family does as well.

Like many others I've tried to stay informed as the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded. I've done my best to adhere to social distancing guidelines, but I've done this imperfectly as we all do to some degree. I have a few comments I hope you consider on both the mandatory face covering considerations as well as the 24 hour lodging hold. Neither of these are easy topics to address, but both have the potential to have significant impact.

I have a Masters of Public Health and with that I of course feel a duty to impress upon those around me the considerations I know to be important when looking at infectious disease. However, these decisions do not live in a vacuum and what's good for preventing infectious disease spread is rarely good for everything else. Over the last month we've all seen direct impacts these decisions have made on our community and I feel the need to stress **balance**. Each decision should be carefully considered in both (1) effectiveness at achieving the desired goal (*let's assume reducing infection rate*) and (2) potential other impacts of the decision.

I feel the mandatory face coverings in grocery stores & common areas is the easier of the two decisions here. Face coverings have been shown to greatly reduce carrier spread of respiratory illness, but only when used broadly since these protect the environment and others from the user, not vice-versa. Masks are no longer in short supply, they've lost a significant amount of social stigmatization, and frankly the only downside to the general public is the minor inconvenience of needing to have a mask on-hand and wear it. This alone won't stop infection but, as long as there is buy-in from the grocery stores for applying & enforcing this rule, it will absolutely help. That being said, if the grocery stores and local jurisdictions don't do anything to ensure this, all a rull is going to do is cause frustration and division.

I understand that the 24 hour hold is a more difficult decision: Is it effective at reducing infection rate? Possibly, but only in the aspect that we are reducing the total number of visitors coming through our town. This is an indirect impact.

Does it make a difference in transmission of COVID 19 following a stay of a carrier? Not likely; A virus can live on a surface for up 3-4 days depending on the surfaces' traits, such as porosity and material composition. This is especially true when it comes to fabrics & bedding!! The CDC guidance lays out cleaning recommendations, and assert that anything within a 7 day timeframe requires the same cleaning routine to address the virus.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/Reopening_America_Guidance.pdf

Taking this into account, all we're doing with this 24 hour hold is reducing turn-over in the hotels which, in my mind, has a larger economic impact than it does a health impact. With this in mind I would encourage all of you to consider better ways to achieve our health goals. We need solutions with less financial impact to our economy, or at least solutions that directly impact transmission rather than indirectly.

Thank you and best regards.

Dan Wentz

Ronald Chandler

From: Barbara Francis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Lodging - 24 hour rule

To those working diligently for Lincoln City,

I just wanted to write in and encourage support for the removal of the 24 hour hold period between guests at local hotels and lodging. This 'rule' is unique only to Lincoln City and a few other places in the county. Because of it, our ability to recover has been hamstrung and the reputation of the city marred in the minds of travelers. This pandemic has been difficult enough for our economy. Please don't continue to make it harder.

Sincerely,
Barbara

Ronald Chandler

From: Bill Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Beach Rental 24 Hour Hold

CDC has said on their website that contracting the corona virus from surfaces is yet to be seen! Are we the the only county who thinks that we can? No on the 24 hour hold!
William Johnson

[REDACTED]



Virus-free. www.avast.com

Ronald Chandler

From: Brenda V. [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:26 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Face Masks

As a Registered Nurse, I am against mandatory face mask requirements. There are many patients with COPD, asthma, dyspnea, and claustrophobia to name a few, that mask wearing is dangerous for. If you make this a mandatory requirement, the public will take it upon themselves to try and enforce it. We have seen how nasty the local residents have been to people driving cars with out of state plates... cars have even been vandalized, people yelled out and flipped off... It's crazy! If somebody feels safer wearing a mask, let them wear one or they can choose to stay at home. I've seen patients who have fainted while wearing a mask ending up with a head injury. I've seen patients who have had panic attacks and shortness of breath while wearing a mask. I've seen patients unable to utilize their supplemental oxygen with a mask on. Please consider all people when deciding this issue. The squeaky wheel sometimes just needs to be allowed to squeak!!

Ronald Chandler

From: Gene Scrutton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:52 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Reverse 24 hour Hold

My wife and I own whistling Winds Motel a small 16 unit Motel. It is very difficult to survive on a regular year with so few rooms in such a short summer season this year is extremely difficult because of the time we were close because of the pandemic. The 24 hour rule makes it even more difficult because if you want to rent Saturday night you have to hold out Friday night and Sunday night. We have about Three months to make our money before a long slow season the 24 hour hold Will probably be the end of small boutique motels. The rooms are thoroughly sanitized with 99% alcohol everything is wiped down windows are open and Lysol sprayed .In the latest CDC reports they say it's Unlikely to spread coronavirus on surfaces To humans it's mainly caused from droplets coming out of people's mouth to other peoples eyes nose and mouth. Please remove the 24 hour hold we have property taxes due shortly and a long winter. I Believe Lincoln county is the only county on the coast that has this rule and Newport Lincoln city are the only cities in Lincoln County that have them .

Ronald Chandler

From: Joanne Daschel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Mask wearing ordinance

Dear City Councilors and Mayor Anderson,

I'm writing to urge your support of a mandatory face covering rule for certain locations in the city until a vaccine is widely available. This can include cloth masks, face shields, even bandannas. Anything is better than nothing.

As I know that many people have an issue with wearing them and some businesses are so small it would be hard for them to police the entrance, my suggestion is to make it mandatory for certain essential businesses, but it would be even better to have it required at all checkout lines. I'm very concerned not only for the vulnerable population in this city, but also visitors and especially service workers. These workers are the least able to stay home, and many have little to no health insurance. While they may survive the virus, they are likely to contract it from close contact in retail settings with so many refusing to wear masks, and then become a vector to others, unknowingly.

My husband is one of those workers. He has two part time jobs, both of which put him in close proximity to customers all day long. One store (Trillium) does an excellent job of protecting workers with masks and handwashing the norm for all who enter. The other, a mall store, is unable to police the many hundreds of visitors who are streaming in now, and most do not wear masks. He hears repeatedly that visitors don't even realize we are still in Phase 1. At stores like these they could at least have lots of bold signage at entry points, "wear a mask, we are in phase 1" and if it scares people that is good. We might just slow the spread a little.

I would also encourage the message signs coming into town be a little more blunt. Instead of thank you for wearing a mask, say "county in phase 1, masks required" and save the thank yous for when they spend some money with a face covering. The worst PR the city can have is massive outbreak, far worse than words of warning. We don't want to become known as ground zero for plague transmission. Taking these essential steps will help businesses to stay open in addition to the obvious health benefits.

Thanks for your consideration,
Joanne Daschel
Lincoln City, Ward 2

Ronald Chandler

From: Mark Wendt [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: 24 hour lodging room hold

Dear Lincoln City Commissioners,

I respectfully ask that you read this in its entirety prior to Friday's meeting. I will be as brief as possible.

I own the Comfort Inn & Suites in Lincoln City; at least for now. This letter is an appeal to you to consider lifting the 24 hour hold on hotel rooms. I am asking this for two reasons. **My first reason** is the severe financial distress it is causing. The room hold is absolutely devastating our business. It limits our income to less than 50% of normal. Simply put, we will not survive this limitation for long. Like most local hotels we operate in the red for much of the year and need summer revenue to survive. As you know Lincoln City depends heavily on tourism dollars and I am afraid we all will suffer greatly in the aftermath of the financial ruin of many of its service related businesses.

In addition to the huge income hit, implementation of the rule makes operations extremely inefficient. It is a logistical nightmare trying to manage the clumsy dance of immediately monitoring each reservation as it arrives, even if it's at 2 a.m., then assigning a specific room, then blocking that room before and after that reservation before another reservation violating the hold comes through, then scheduling housekeepers to clean rooms from two nights ago instead of the previous night. Reservation systems and booking engines were never designed to do this.

Guests don't understand. They become angry because what is allowed elsewhere is forbidden in Lincoln City for reasons they feel are arbitrary and unjustified. I wish you could spend a Saturday afternoon at our front desk explaining to upset guests why they are not allowed to stay even though we have half our rooms empty or that they cannot extend their stay one day because it would put us in violation due to another reservation that doesn't even arrive until the day after they leave. People remember negative experiences and I'm afraid Lincoln City will become known as the "Go Home" town. "We are keeping you safe" is not the message people are getting, it's "We don't want you here".

I am not aware of any other jurisdiction that has our type of room hold restriction. And I am unaware of data that shows others are wrong and we know better. We take all the recommended precautions. We health check our employees each day when they arrive. We sanitize and disinfect each room - twice, we all wear masks, gloves where appropriate, and social distance. We have closed down our breakfast room. Our gym is closed despite corporate gyms now being allowed to reopen. Even our pool and hot tub, our most popular amenity is closed. We should not be taking business ruining extraordinary measures compared to everywhere else. Removing the room hold restriction and replacing it with a recommended hold would allow us to hold rooms when possible but be flexible for times when it is not possible. Perhaps neither of us is completely satisfied with this solution which means it is probably a reasonable compromise.

My second reason for asking this is personal. I hope my situation will help you see there are also very real non-financial, non-political, ramifications of your decision. I understand the importance of preventing viral infection all too well. Mary, my wife of 35 years, is bedbound in a 24 hour care nursing home where she receives nutrition via PEG tube. Mary's doctor stated she is unlikely to survive a viral infection of any type much less Corona. State restrictions mean I haven't been able to visit her in person for over 2 months. I accept the state issued restrictions as being necessary for the protection of high risk individuals living in an environment where they are unable to protect themselves. That makes sense and the rules are consistent statewide. The income from my business is needed to keep Mary in a safe environment. This will no longer be possible as my business is forced into failure by the hold rule. I am not wealthy and the \$63,000 a year it takes to pay for the care she relies on to live is a burden I cannot meet without a

healthy business. And no, health insurance does not cover long term care. Not one dollar. The continued room hold will devastate our summer business which will literally jeopardize the life of someone who is unable to protect themselves. Although this is just one example I'm sure others are in similar situations.

Even without the room hold business will be tough for a long time to come due to the widespread economic destruction. Please make sure you articulate sound reasons before you enact or retain restrictions that might unnecessarily prolong the economic problem.

Should any of you wish to call me for discussion or have any questions or suggestions I would welcome it.

Please give Lincoln City hotels a fighting chance and do as other municipalities have already done and eliminate the 24 hour room hold.

Sincerely,

Mark Wendt [REDACTED]

PS. Please remove the phone number if this letter is posted publicly.

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Covid-19 precautions.

From: Doreen Thirkell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 5:37 PM
To: Ronald Chandler <rhandler@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Covid-19 precautions.

Dear Mr. Chandler,

I support requiring people in Lincoln City to wear face masks when indoors at any business, except restaurants. I would require restaurants to space out tables at least 10 feet and require employees to wear masks and customers to wear masks except when they have received their meals.

It's distressing how few people wear masks, especially on the weekends when tourists flood into town. I hope the city/county finds a way to enforce the restrictions they adopt.

Thank you for your attention to this subject.

Doreen Thirkell
Lincoln City, OR

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Mask wearing and Covid 19 virus

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Bish [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Ronald Chandler <rhandler@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Mask wearing and Covid 19 virus

Mr. Ron Chandler
The City of Lincoln City,

I am writing to express my views about wearing a mask in public to protect others from the Covid -19 Virus.

Until recently I have walked the Lincoln City Outlets for exercise, but i will no longer, as it's not safe to do so. Not only do we have to deal with those who refuse to wear a mask or socially distance for political reasons, we also have an inundation of tourists who seem to be ignorant of the fact that the virus is here, it is among us, and it is NOT under control. The grocery stores are just as bad with the very same behavior. I have tried walking on Highway 101, and again clusters of people are not socially distancing, or wearing masks. If Costco and Goodwill can require compliance, why can't all businesses?

I have been compliant since mid-March by ordering my groceries online and picking them up. The confinement of those of us complying is not at all fair, when others make no attempt to comply. While picking up an RX at Bi-Mart, I was even confronted by an unmasked individual who wanted to stand right next to me. When asked to please socially distance, the reply was, that is such a hoax, it's only happening in NYC, and then added - you must be a Democrat! This has become so politicized and the result is - we are NOT safe. Unless we mandate and enforce masks and social distancing, we can expect the virus to be with us for a very long time. Why isn't compliance mandatory here? It's not an option for people to die, because of the non-compliance of others.

If New Zealand can eliminate the Covid - 19 Virus in a population of 5 million people, by complying with wearing masks and socially distancing, then we can certainly do the same. Where is the leadership?

Sincerely Yours,
Mary J, Bish
[REDACTED]

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: If 80% of Americans Wore Masks, COVID-19 Infections Would Plummet, New Study Says

-----Original Message-----

From: Patti Kroen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Diana Hinton <dhinton@lincolncity.org>; Judy Casper <jcasper@lincolncity.org>; Ronald Chandler <rchandler@lincolncity.org>; Riley Hoagland <rhoagland@lincolncity.org>; Diane Kusz <dckusz@yahoo.com>; Dick Anderson <anderson@lincolncity.org>; Rick Mark <rmark@lincolncity.org>
Subject: If 80% of Americans Wore Masks, COVID-19 Infections Would Plummet, New Study Says

https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2020/05/masks-covid-19-infections-would-plummet-new-study-says?utm_source=onsite-share&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=vanity-fair

Sent from my iPhone

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Masks

From: Annie Maribona [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Ronald Chandler <rhandler@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Masks

Hi there!

I am writing to let you know that I am in favor of mandating masks for Lincoln County. Masks work when we all wear them. Other countries have successfully controlled the virus through the use of masks.

Thank you so much for your service.

Take Care, Stay Safe,

--
Annie Maribona

To: Lincoln County Commissioners, Lincoln City Council, Lincoln City Manager

Where is Your Mask?

We were doing so well. Everyone for the most part was staying home to stay safe and practicing both social distancing and mask wearing to assist all in staying healthy and free from the virus. While businesses were suffering, our City Council was creative and devised a fund to assist local businesses who are economically vulnerable. Some stores developed strategies to keep customers distanced and instituted directed timing to further protect our aged population. The missing strategy remains a lack of required masks. The simplest act to protect your neighbors and you has not been made mandatory. In fact, social distancing and universally consistent use of face masks has been shown by top medical centers around the globe to be the only way to slow the spread of coronavirus, and yet these simple measures are being disregarded, unenforced, disputed, and rolled back. This makes no sense.

Oregon along with every other state, failed to meet the reopening standards established by the federal government but nonetheless, made decisions based on economy instead of public health. Lincoln County and Lincoln City both decided it was time for businesses and lodging to reopen for tourists. And again, masks were not made mandatory for everyone. Masks have been scientifically proven to be singularly important in retarding the virus spread. And yet, in Lincoln City businesses are not required to make masks mandatory for both workers and customers. Why is that? Shoes are required for health reasons – why not masks? Stores, large (Costco) and small (Glass Blowing Gallery) have successfully implemented mask requirements. It is a critical component to safely re-opening.

Re-opening caused the curve for Lincoln County to respond as predicted – spiking at a wild rate. While our numbers are rising quickly, as of today, Lincoln County is at 198 cases, up from a mere 9 cases just days ago. And we have yet to factor in the results from the Memorial Day weekend onward, as tourists flock to Lincoln City from Oregon and neighboring states.

Although I was not in favor of re-opening in advance of a strong signal that our state curve was sustaining a downward trend, I was pleased when the city initiated additional safety measures for vacation rentals. While unable to pass a lower occupancy requirement, the Council was successful in passing a 24-hour gap between visitors and cleaning staff. Unfortunately, I have personally witnessed flagrant violations at the vacation rentals in my neighborhood. In one instance, a group left a home, the cleaners arrived one hour later, and once the cleaners left, a new group arrived less than an hour later. And yes, I called the non-emergency police number, but the issue persists.

And now here we are – some businesses open, some businesses ignoring safety measures, and some businesses trying their best to require masks. I appreciate the signs provided by the city, but I would like to see more aggressive requirements for mandatory mask use.

The bottom line for me is this: I will continue to remain home as much as possible. I will not visit sit-in restaurants because it is impossible to eat while wearing a mask. I will cautiously visit shops that require mask for essential shopping needs only. I will avoid like the plague, businesses that have chosen to ignore public health and allow customers to shop without masks. And I will not forget which businesses failed to do everything they could to protect our health.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Kroen

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: 24-hour hold between hotel guests

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Weakley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Ronald Chandler <rhandler@lincolncity.org>
Cc: Greg Bedell [REDACTED]
Subject: 24-hour hold between hotel guests

Mr. Chandler,

As I'm sure you know, Lincoln County is the only county in Oregon imposing the 24 hour hold between hotel guests. This is a hardship on our business, our guests that we have to turn down, and our staff who need full time employment after being laid off for several months.

Having to close our businesses for 2 1/2 months and adapt to new cleaning protocols, we feel we should not have to be further punished by a rule no other areas are affected by.

It is time to take action and rescind this rule.

Thank you,
Susan and Chuck Weakley
Westover Inns
Co-owners of Pelican Shores, Looking Glass Inn, Shearwater Inn.
Sent from my iPad

Ronald Chandler

From: Christy Cassell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Mandatory face coverings

To whom it may concern:

I am against mandatory face coverings. For those that are scared or concerned they get to wear a mask. Employees that have direct contact with people are already wearing masks. It is very hard to work with a mask on for 8hrs a day, please don't take my day off without one away.

Christy Cassell

Ronald Chandler

From: Delci Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: required mask for grocery shopping

please DO NOT make masks required for going to the store, i cannot wear things over my face due to anxiety and hyperventilating, i am a single mother and dont have anyone to go shopping for myself, i will not be able to eat real food if you all do this to the community. i will be forced to feed myself and child fast food since i can freely go through the drive thru. please do not do this to us.

delca quakenbush and baby cloud quakenbush