

PEQUOT CITY COUNCIL:

FR: Scott Pederson, Councilor

Notes: Main points of the proposed resolution below.

1. All business in Pequot Lakes are ESSENTIAL
2. If SOME Pequot Lakes businesses are open ALL stores must be treated the same
3. If products are sold at other stores in our area, Pequot Lakes businesses must have the same opportunity
4. This resolution is not meant to be a constitutional argument or challenge, the intent is to provide fairness and uphold the constitutional rights of our citizens

Key point: The Lakefield resolution is mostly pointed at a constitutional argument. I agree with our city attorney's comment to "*consider a more positive tone towards supporting local residents and businesses while also following the guidelines from the CDC.*"

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION:

PEQUOT LAKES IS OPEN FOR BUSINESSES

Whereas, some Pequot Lakes businesses have *not* been forced to close by State Order or restricted in their operations and are open to the public, ALL Pequot Lakes businesses shall have the same opportunity to be open for business.

Whereas, some businesses within Crow Wing County remain open to sell same or similar products as businesses in Pequot Lakes, ALL Pequot Lakes businesses shall have the same opportunity to be open for business.

Whereas, ALL businesses in the Pequot Lakes business community are essential and vital to the social and economic life of the city, ALL Pequot Lakes businesses shall have the right to be open for business.

Therefore we resolve and proclaim: Pequot Lakes to be open for business as we uphold our community, our business, and individual rights. And our "citizens of their rights and privileges including the freedom of religion, the freedom to assemble, freedom of association, their property rights, and their right to the pursuit of happiness"

To allow ALL Pequot Lakes businesses to open that choose to open.

Businesses must follow MDH, CDC and OSHA workplace safety practices and guidelines: (including but not limited to: social distancing, hygiene, facial coverings, on-site sanitation, limit numbers in store etc)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED:

That the City Council supports the choice of all residents to continue to stay at home or the choice to move about freely within the City and to support the economy of Pequot Lakes while maintaining behaviors to preserve the health and safety of all residents;

That the City Council encourages all citizens and visitors to follow MDH, CDC, and OSHA guidelines for social distancing and general conduct while out in public.