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The Hailey City Council voted to extend its Isolation Order for one week in a special City Council meeting held today. Hailey's current order was set to expire on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 11:59PM. All the terms of Hailey's Order were extended in a three to one motion of the City council until Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 11:59 PM. Council member Kaz Thea voted against the motion.

City Council members predominantly felt that holding the delicate balance of community health, as the COVID illness curve begins to flatten, with economic health and mental wellbeing is a critical element. With only three or four days of improved health case statistics coming from Blaine County, they felt it important to allow more time to insure that good results continue. Mayor Martha Burke said "I'm concerned for the workers living within Hailey who may be put at risk if sent back to work at this time. Our primary goal is their protection within this pandemic. These workers are residents of our town."

The Order continues restrictions that are more strict than those within the Idaho State Isolation Order currently in effect. Hailey's regulations include:

Residential and commercial construction projects are identified as non-essential businesses and not allowed to operate at this time.

Plumbers, electricians and other trades can only perform work that is immediate and essential.

Landscaping and other residential service providers are identified as non-essential businesses and are not allowed to operate at this time.

Hotels and short-term rentals may not offer lodging to non-residents of Blaine County, except lodging may be provided to health care workers or those performing essential government functions.

Blaine County residents returning home from out of state travel must self isolate at home for 14 days upon their return. Visitors from out of state coming to Blaine County must also self-isolate for 14 days.

Travel outside of Blaine County to obtain items otherwise available in the County is prohibited.

Gatherings of non-related individuals inside homes who don't live there are prohibited.

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