

RESOLUTION NO. 3963

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA
REQUESTING GOVERNOR NEWSOM ALLOW LOCAL CONTROL IN REOPENING
BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, The City of Coalinga ("the City") desires to request local control for reopening businesses deemed non-essential by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens of the City of Coalinga have complied with the orders of the State of California and have self-regulated even beyond the orders of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Community has reduced the spread of COVID-19, and flattened the curve, with only one to four confirmed cases within the City of Coalinga; and

WHEREAS, the City considers the rules, guidelines and orders set at a State or County level excessive and not applicable to our small, isolated community with a population of approximately 16,000; and

WHEREAS, our less densely populated area has been under the same stay at home order as have the large more populated communities; and

WHEREAS, the stay at home order and ordered closures of businesses deemed non-essential by the State of California have substantially impacted the economic stability of the business community and therefore, have and will have, a major negative impact on the revenues of local government needed to provide essential services to the citizens they serve; and

WHEREAS, the role of government is not only to protect the health and safety of its citizens, but also the welfare of its citizens, which includes economic viability of the businesses and citizens that local governments service; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact COVID-19 is having on businesses is dramatic and will result in many going out of business and their workforce becoming unemployed; and

WHEREAS, many of our local businesses have sought financial relief, as made available by State and Federal resources, but were denied; and

WHEREAS, it is time for local governments to be allowed to issue reasonable rules and guidelines that can allow, in a planned and regulated fashion, the reopening of businesses in those communities that have, and continue to experience, a low impact from the COVID-19 virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Coalinga that:

1. Governor Newsom is to be commended for his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Governor Newsom is asked to allow local governments to create and implement their own regulations that would allow businesses to reopen in controlled and managed fashion.
3. The City of Coalinga's Safety Officer will prepare a plan for reopening businesses within the City of Coalinga.
4. The local reopening plan will be designed to not only open businesses but to continue to protect our citizens.
5. The plan will become effective Monday, May 11, 2020 and will continue until the Governor lifts his stay at home order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to carry out any duties or additional policies necessary for implementation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Coalinga, State of California, this 7 day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Ron Lander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk