

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in special session in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 150 East Pearl in Jackson, at 10:00 A.M. This meeting was held in-person and through the Zoom platform. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

TOWN COUNCIL: *In-person*: None. *via Zoom*: Mayor Hailey Morton Levinson, Arne Jorgensen, Jessica Sell Chambers, Jim Rooks, and Jonathan Schechter.

STAFF: Larry Pardee, Lea Colasuonno, Tyler Sinclair, Michelle Weber, Carl Pelletier, and Sandy Birdyshaw.

Special Event Applications during COVID. Carl Pelletier commented that at the February 16, 2021 workshop, the Council directed staff to develop a special event policy including COVID-19 consideration based Alternative #4 as presented:

Alternative #4: A policy that restricts any special events during Purple (Critical) Risk Level. Consideration of only small & medium sized events during Red (High) Risk Level with Teton County Health Department review and approval. Consideration of all events during Orange (Moderate) and Yellow (Low) Risk Levels with TC Health Department review and approval. Consideration of all events during Green (New Normal) Risk Level without TC Health Department review and approval. Free speech events will be accepted during all Risk Levels. All permitted free speech events must follow State, County, Town, and CDC guidelines for reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Policy #1 (more restrictive). This special event policy takes into consideration Teton County's 5 COVID-19 Risk Levels (Critical, High, Moderate, Low, and New Normal) as well as the Center for Disease Control's evaluation of group gatherings in four levels of risk (Lowest Risk, More Risk, Higher Risk, and Highest Risk). This policy does not apply to events exempt from Special Event permitting in accordance with Jackson Municipal Code § 12.28.040.D.

This possible special event policy with COVID-19 consideration states the following:

1. Virtual and drive-by/drive-in events will be allowed to take place on Town property during Purple (Critical) Risk Level as determined by the Teton County Health Department. These event plans must undergo review and be approved by the Teton County Health Department.
2. Small-sized, virtual and drive-by/drive-in events will be allowed to operate on Town property during Red (High) Risk Level as determined by the Teton County Health Department. These event plans must undergo review and be approved by the Teton County Health Department.
3. Medium-sized, small-sized, virtual and drive-by/drive-in events will be allowed to operate on Town property during Orange (Moderate) Risk Level as determined by the Teton County Health Department. These event plans must undergo review and be approved by the Teton County Health Department.
4. Large-sized, medium-sized, small-sized, virtual and drive-by/drive-in events will be allowed to operate on Town property during Yellow (Low) Risk Level as determined by the Teton County Health Department. These event plans must undergo review and be approved by the Teton County Health Department.
5. Large-sized, medium-sized, small-sized, virtual and drive-by/drive-in events will be allowed to operate on Town property during Green (New Normal) Risk Level without Teton County Health Department review and approval.
6. Definitions of event sizes and types:
 - a. Virtual, drive-by and drive-in events involve events held on-line and/or in a manner with little or no contact between people from different households. Lowest risk.
 - b. Small-sized events are gatherings of less than 100 people. More risk.
 - c. Medium-sized events are gatherings of 100 – 500. Higher risk.
 - d. Large-sized events are gatherings of more than 500 people.

Policy #2 (less restrictive). This special event policy takes into consideration Teton County's 5 COVID-19 Risk Levels (Critical, High, Moderate, Low, and New Normal) as well as the Center for Disease Control's evaluation of group gatherings in four levels of risk (Lowest Risk, More Risk, Higher Risk, and Highest Risk). This policy does not apply to events exempt from Special Event permitting in accordance with Jackson Municipal Code § 12.28.040.D.

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4. Large-sized, medium-sized, small-sized, virtual and drive-by/drive-in events will be allowed to operate on Town property during Green (New Normal) Risk Level without Teton County Health Department review and approval.
5. Free speech events will be allowed to occur during all Risk Levels. All permitted free speech events must follow State, County, Town and Center for Disease Control health orders and guidelines for reducing the spread of COVID-19.
6. Definitions of event sizes and types:
 - a. Virtual, drive-by and drive-in events involve events held on-line and/or in a manner with little or no contact between people from different households. Lowest risk.
 - b. Small-sized events are gatherings of less than 250 people. More risk.
 - c. Medium-sized events are gatherings of 250 – 1,000 people. Higher risk.
 - d. Large-sized events are gatherings of more than 1,000 people where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart. Highest Risk.

Public comment was given by Elise Part, Director of Operations at Childrens Museum.

The Council held discussion on the two proposed policies. Michelle Weber made comment.

A motion was made by Jessica Chambers and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to establish a special event policy consistent with special event Policy 1 (more restrictive). Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 4-1 in favor and Rooks opposed. The motion carried.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Jessica Chambers to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 5-0 in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. minutes:spb

TOWN OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

Hailey Morton Levinson, Mayor

Sandra P. Birdyshaw, Town Clerk

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