

ORDINANCE RESOLUTION 2020-13

COVID-19: Resolution of the City of Gordon Regarding Use of Municipal Property for Sports or Other Recreational Activities

A Resolution of the **City of Gordon**, Nebraska, Regarding the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 Through the Use of Municipal Property for Sports or Recreational Activities.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, is extremely contagious, and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Nebraska declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19 within the entire State of Nebraska, and this state of emergency remains in effect;

WHEREAS, directed health measures are in effect for every County in the State of Nebraska through May 31, 2020, and are likely to be extended by the Governor in some form for most or all Counties after May 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, the Governor announced that the directed health measure prohibiting all organized team sports, youth and adult, would be relaxed by the State of Nebraska beginning June 1, 2020, in order to permit the planned reopening of certain adult and/or youth team sports;

WHEREAS, a copy of the *June 1st Statewide Sports Reopening Guidelines* is attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as part of these Recitals;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that future guidance from the State of Nebraska will permit additional team sports and other recreational activities;

WHEREAS, players, coaches, officials, and others who participate in such games, practices, or other recreational activities, and spectators who attend such activities risk the dangers of illness, disease, medical complications, injury or death, caused by or related to COVID-19, by voluntarily entering the municipal property and/or facilities on which such activities take place, by watching such activities, and by participating or authorizing the participation of a minor, in such games, practices, or other recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the **City of Gordon** to permit the resumption of adult and/or youth team sports and other recreational activities on municipal property and/or facilities, in accordance with the directed health measures and other laws and guidance issued by the State of Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the *June 1st Statewide Sports Reopening Guidelines* and such further laws and guidance that may be issued in the future, provided that every individual, organization, or group sponsoring such activities, and all participants and spectators, fully assume

the health risks associated with these activities, including the inherent risk now present in any such activities as a result of the presence of COVID-19 in the State of Nebraska, and provided that participants in such activities sign an agreement that releases the **City of Gordon**, its elected and appointed officials and employees, and all other participants in adult and/or youth team sports or other recreational activities from liability associated with exposure to COVID-19 in the course of such activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **City of Gordon** that any individual, organization or group sponsoring adult and/or youth team sports or other recreational activities that wishes to use the playing or practice fields, courts, grounds, and/or other facilities of the City of Gordon for games, practices, or other recreational activities will be required to enter into the COVID-19: License and Management Agreement for Use of Municipal Property for Sports or Other Recreational Activities attached hereto. These License Agreements will be maintained by the Municipal Clerk and shall constitute an addendum to any other contract, license agreement, lease, or agreement allowing the use of the municipal property and/or facilities of **City of Gordon** by the same individual, organization, or group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order to enter the playing or practice fields, courts, grounds, and/or other facilities of the **City of Gordon** to participate in games, practices, or other recreational activities, all players, coaches, officials and other participants must sign the agreement titled *COVID-19: Participants Agreement for Sports or Other Recreational Activities* in substantially the same form as attached hereto. Each team wishing to participate on or use the municipal property and/or facilities of the **City of Gordon** must provide copies of signed *Agreements* for all participants affiliated with the team, together with a roster containing a complete list of the names of all players, coaches, officials, and others affiliated with the team. Copies of these documents must be provided to and shall be maintained by the Municipal Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for the avoidance of doubt as to the risk assumed by participants and spectators, in order to encourage compliance with directed health measures and guidelines, and in order to promote public safety, the applicable provisions of the *June 1st Statewide Sports Reopening Guidelines*, shall be posted on all practice and playing fields, courts, grounds, and/or other facilities where adult and/or youth practices and/or games or other recreational activities occur. If the *June 1st Statewide Sports Reopening Guidelines*, are subsequently modified or updated, the applicable provisions of the modified or updated guidelines shall be posted in the same manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all participants and spectators shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations, all directed health measures and guidelines, and all security policies or procedures established by the **City of Gordon** relating to COVID-19 or other safety or hygiene precautions while present on municipal property and/or facilities, understanding that the **City of Gordon** may elect to deny entrance to its playing or practice fields, courts, grounds, and/or other facilities to any non-complying participant or spectator, or to require a non-complying participant or spectator to leave the premises at any time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that officials and employees of the **City of Gordon** are authorized to execute the directives set forth in this Resolution.

