

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has now spread throughout the world, including the United States and the State of West Virginia: and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; on March 16, 2020, the Governor of the State of West Virginia declared a State of Emergency; on March 23, 2020, Governor Justice issued a Stay at Home Order; on April 3, 2020, Jefferson County was deemed a "Hot Spot" by Governor Justice, and on May 4, 2020, the Governor issued a Safer at Home Order; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and other staff are routinely in communications with state and local authorities and monitoring the public health emergency to ensure our government, businesses, residents, and others are operating in a manner consistent with the guidance and intent of the Executive Orders

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Governor's West Virginia Strong - The Comeback initiative, Mayor Auxer and the Shepherdstown Town Council support the Thursday, May 21, 2020, "opening up" to reignite the local economy and enable local businesses to once again provide exceptional services, products, and positive experiences that make Shepherdstown special; and

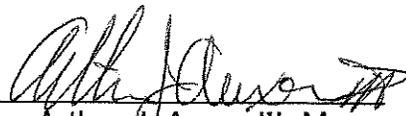
WHEREAS, Mayor Auxer and the Shepherdstown Town Council support the business and local volunteer organizations in their efforts to manage the reopening through careful planning, as the shared primary concern is for the health and well-being of the residents, businesses, and visitors; and to ensure them a safe and enjoyable experience in historic Shepherdstown; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Auxer and the Shepherdstown Town Council strongly encourage and support Shepherdstown businesses and the general public to follow West Virginia state guidelines and those set forth by the Jefferson County Health Department, to encourage all to wear a mask or face covering while working in and/or visiting Shepherdstown; and

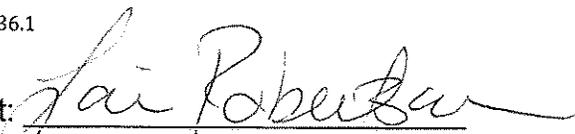
WHEREAS, Mayor Auxer and the Shepherdstown Town Council strongly encourage business owners to post temporary signage requesting social distancing of six (6) feet, requiring that masks be worn within their establishments, and limiting the number of patrons on store premises, and to require patrons to adhere to and comply with the businesses' stated requests.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Resolution is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved by the Town Council of the Corporation of Shepherdstown that business owners are hereby strongly encouraged to post temporary signage requesting social distancing of six (6) feet, requiring that masks be worn within their establishments, and limiting the number of patrons on store premises, and to require patrons to adhere to and comply with the businesses' stated requests.

Dated and effective this 26th day of May 2020.

By: 
Arthur J. Auxer III, Mayor

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Attest: 
Lori Robertson, Town Recorder