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Letter to Camanche Business Owners

November 23, 2020

Camanche Business Owners,

As we continue to work our way through this worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to make sure everyone is aware, and on the same page regarding the latest emergency proclamation from Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds. Her proclamation and my proclamation can be found on the City of Camanche website.

You are all aware that the governor's proclamation includes a mandate to wear a mask if you are out in public. I would like to reiterate that this is indeed a mandate, not a mere suggestion as some folks seem to be treating it. With that said, it has been brought to my attention by several citizens that some businesses in the city are not enforcing the mask mandate. With this letter, I would like to inform everyone that this rule needs to be enforced. If the business owners do not enforce the rule, the police have the authority to enforce it. This enforcement would be in the form of a simple misdemeanor with a civil fine. I believe our police department has much more important ways to spend their valuable time, so I am asking all of you to take the necessary steps so our police department does not have to. Rather than fight the rules, let's be leaders in the fight to mitigate the spread of this horrific virus!

For businesses where eating and/or drinking are the business services offered, it is obvious that you cannot wear a mask during these activities. Please read Governor Reynolds' proclamation carefully. There are directives in there specifically for these types of business operations. Please make sure that your business is following the protocol that pertains to it.

Also, with the holidays approaching and more people coming to town, we need to keep in mind that the governor's proclamation states that bars and restaurants are to be closed by 10:00pm. To fully comply and to avoid any conflict, all patrons must be out the door by 10:00pm. As we approach some of the historically busiest bar and restaurant nights, we must make sure that we still follow the 10:00pm mandate. The proclamation also prohibits sitting or standing at the bars of such businesses, and we would ask that you are mindful of that mandate as well. Given what has taken place over the course of the past nine months, we understand where it may be tempting to skirt the rules or try to stay open just a little longer. Please try to resist such temptations. Hopefully, our positivity rates will start coming down and we can move away from these latest proclamations.



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Should you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call city hall at (563) 259-8342, or email the city administrator (akida@camancheia.org) or myself (twillis@camancheia.org).

Thank you, God bless you and stay safe!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Trevor Willis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Trevor Willis
Mayor, City of Camanche