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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

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The City of Leavenworth announces that due to public health concerns and operational challenges, it is canceling any future permits, approvals or licenses for events that congregate more than five individuals on City property or right of way. At its August 11, 2020 meeting, the Council passed a resolution indicating that it would not issue any Special Use Permits or other City permits related to events if such use requiring such permit gathers more than five people.

“It is important that we promote social distancing; the CDC has indicated that gatherings lead to spread of COVID-19. Special use permits related to restaurant, retail, and related service in the Downtown core will continue to be evaluated and issued following State guidelines” said Mayor Florea.

City Administrator Cortez-Steiner further added “The Festhalle and Civic Center will not be available for events or gatherings. We recognize that this step affects revenue options for the Festhalle and therefore we are also considering options for decreasing expenses. City Hall continues to be closed to the public, but we are available by appointment. City staff is back at work and ready to serve the public by appointment.”

Mayor Florea also indicated “the City will closely monitor any changes or new guidance from the Governor’s Office; needless to say, if the State relaxes its restriction, we will then modify our guidelines.”

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