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Moment of Decision

Kingman City Council will decide how to proceed with the city's mask proclamation at its Tuesday, Oct. 20 meeting. Customers are shown exiting the Safeway grocery store at 3125 Stockton Hill Road in Kingman on Friday, Oct. 16. (Photo by Travis Rains/Kingman Miner)

City Council to reevaluate face mask proclamation Tuesday

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KINGMAN - Just over a month has passed since Kingman City Council voted 5-2 to keep Mayor Jen Miles' mask proclamation in effect until Tuesday, Oct. 20. Now that the date in question approaches, councilmembers are set to revisit the issue that seems to have divided Kingman.

The original proclamation requiring that persons over the age of 6 wear face coverings when entering places of businesses in Kingman went into effect Wednesday, July 1, and was extended through the month of August. Then in September, the mayor extended the proclamation through 2020, citing the dangers posed by the oncom-

ing flu season combined with the impacts of COVID-19, along with other considerations such as schools reopening.

Those residents who were of the opinion that the mayor's original proclamation expired after 72 hours per Kingman Municipal Code were less than thrilled about the prospect of a months-long extension of the proclamation. And while others have come to the mayor's defense thanking her and councilmembers who voted alongside her for doing what they can to curb the spread of the virus and protect the community, some falling into the former group have started a recall effort for the mayor as they believe she has overstepped her authority.

However, the argument that the

mayor's proclamation held no weight due to its purportedly expired status after 72 hours was seemingly put to bed in September. Kingman City Council voted at its Sept. 15 meeting to ratify the proclamation by a vote of 5-2, with Vice Mayor Travis Lingenfelter and Councilwoman Deana Nelson casting the dissenting votes.

But rather than keep the proclamation in place until 2021, council decided to reevaluate its decision after a month.

"We talk every week with the health department, but we also get the daily reports they put out," Miles explained. "The numbers look really good; I'm so pleased with the low numbers that Kingman is having."

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C-A-L Ranch Stores has signed a lease to occupy about half of the old Kmart building at 3340 E. Andy Devine Ave. (Photo by Travis Rains/Kingman Miner)

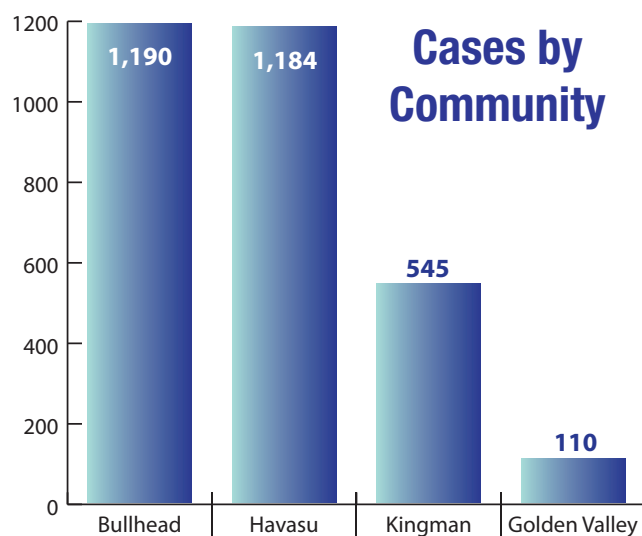
Tenant found for part of old Kmart building

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KINGMAN - Following multiple site visits and communications, C-A-L Ranch Stores will set up shop in Kingman in the space previously occupied by Kmart, 3340 E. Andy Devine Ave. The company will hire about 30 workers.

The city wrote in a news release that C-A-L has signed a lease to occupy approximately 50,000-square feet, or about half of the old Kmart building, and anticipates an opening date of early spring 2021.

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This chart shows the distribution of COVID-19 cases in Mohave County by communities through Thursday, Oct. 15. Information is provided by the Mohave County Department of Public Health. (Chart by Brandy Mayo/Kingman Miner)

Town hall slated over mask mandate for county buildings

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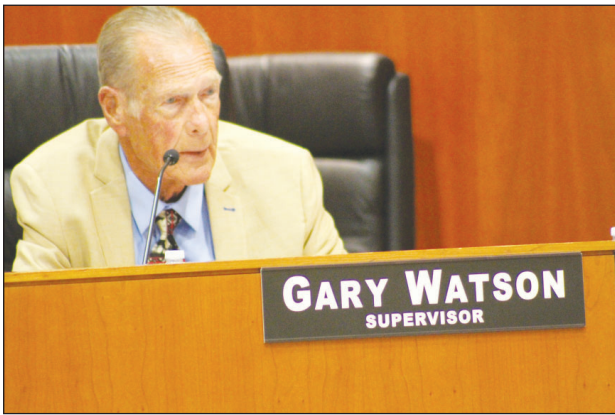
KINGMAN - Based on the number of comments Mohave County received via social media platforms concerning the mask mandate in county buildings, Supervisor Gary Watson of District 1 called for a town hall or a public workshop in place of the previously scheduled board of supervisors meeting at noon on Thursday, Oct. 22. The location will be the same - the county administration building, 700 W. Beale St.

"That would give the

public an opportunity to address the board regarding the mask mandate" put in place due to the coronavirus pandemic, Watson told the board on Thursday, Oct. 15.

He reminded the audience that the county does not require face covering in businesses in the unincorporated parts of the county. It only requires masks in county buildings, Watson said, "to protect our people, who provide essential services to the public."

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Mohave County Supervisor Gary Watson of District 1 proposed a town hall meeting to discuss the mask mandate in county buildings that will be held at noon on Thursday, Oct. 22. (Photo by Agata Popeda/Kingman Miner)

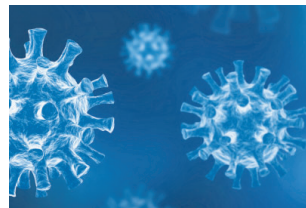
County absorbs another 44 COVID-19 cases in 2-day span

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KINGMAN - Mohave County experienced 44 new cases of COVID-19, and another resident has died from the coronavirus, the Mohave County Department of Public Health reported on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 15-16.

The deceased is an adult in the 70-79 age bracket from the Lake Havasu City medical service area. It raised the death toll in the county since the beginning of the pandemic to 218.

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Mohave County COVID-19

Tests - 30,201
Cases - 4,063
Deaths - 218

KRMC Coronavirus Call Center - 928-263-3456

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