

#12-R-21
Health Officer Hiring

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Referred To: Board of Health

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021, City of Appleton Mayor Jacob A Woodford, ~~put forth new guidance in the City requiring,~~ in consultation with Interim Health Officer Jensen, affirmed the CDC Guidance on the use of masks and required masking in indoor public City facilities; and

WHEREAS, the permanent position of Health Officer for the City of Appleton has been vacant since early June, 2021, and the Mayor and city staff were aware of the pending retirement of the previous Health Officer since prior to the first COVID-19 cases in Appleton in early 2020; ~~resulting in Health Officer Eggebrecht serving the city for an additional year, a nationwide search was initiated in March of 2021 for a Health Officer who meets the City’s expectations for quality and qualifications.~~

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the City of Appleton Common Council and Board of Health hereby express their appreciation of the outstanding job that Interim Director Jensen and the Appleton Health Department do as they continue to perform at the high level serving the citizens of Appleton ~~hereby express their concern that the City has undertaken health initiatives and enacted a public health mandate while the position of Health Officer remains vacant;~~ and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of the City of Appleton Common Council and the Board of Health express their support of urge the Mayor to prioritize and expedite the hiring of a Health Officer as quickly and as practicably as possible, ~~who meets the qualifications required to lead a Level III Health Department. and prior to enacting or implementing any further COVID-19 guidance or mandates in the City.~~