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### **City of Caldwell Statement on Ordinance No. 3273-A**

Ordinance No. 3273-A is an extension of the original emergency order passed by Caldwell City Council on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The order gives the Mayor of Caldwell the power to quickly implement instructions for the city, city staff and city buildings that come as recommendations from public health agencies to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The order is in effect until May 18<sup>th</sup>. However, to be clear this is not a stay-at-home order. Should the Governor's stay-at-home order be lifted by Governor Little at any time, the City of Caldwell will work to comply with additional state mandates and health district recommendations.

An extension of the original order was issued in order for the city to remain prepared in the event of a surge of COVID-19 cases. However, it does not mean that Caldwell will be issuing "stay-at-home" orders beyond the state of Idaho's order.

The City of Caldwell is sensitive to both the needs of its small businesses and its health district recommendations and healthcare worker needs. Each decision is made based on current data and recommendations from our local health districts and the Governor. Ordinance No. 3273-A ensures the City will be prepared in the event of a surge and will serve the City's ultimate goal of keeping residents safe.