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COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

The Columbia City Council will conduct a Virtual Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to consider an Emergency Ordinance Requiring that Face Coverings or Masks Be Worn in Public in the City of Columbia during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Recovery. Let us know your thoughts.

- Leave a voicemail at (855)925-2801, meeting code: 9363, then press *2.
- Email us at cityclerk@columbiasc.gov.
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The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

The Honorable Sam Davis, District I ▪ The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, At-Large

The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., At-Large ▪ The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., District II

The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, District IV ▪ The Honorable William Brennan, District III

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

COVID-19

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

2. Ordinance No.: 2020-059 - Emergency Ordinance Requiring that Face Coverings or Masks Be Worn in Public in The City of Columbia During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Recovery

ADJOURNMENT



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MEETING DATE: June 23, 2020

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

FROM: *Erika Hammond, City Clerk*

SUBJECT: Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

**FUNDING SOURCE &
ORIGINAL BUDGET:**

PURPOSE:

COVID-19



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FROM: *Erika Hammond, City Clerk*

SUBJECT: Ordinance No.: 2020-059 - Emergency Ordinance Requiring that Face Coverings or Masks Be Worn in Public in The City of Columbia During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Recovery

FUNDING SOURCE & ORIGINAL BUDGET:

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2020-059 Emergency Ordinance to Wear Face Coverings or Masks in Public (PDF)

ORDINANCE NO.: 2020-059

Emergency Ordinance Requiring that Face Coverings or Masks Be Worn in Public in The City of Columbia During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Recovery

WHEREAS, Covid-19 continues to aggressively spread across the state with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("SCDHEC") confirming the localized person-to-person spread of Covid-19 in South Carolina, which indicates a significantly increasing risk of exposure and infection to City of Columbia residents and creating an extreme public health risk; and,

WHEREAS, as of June 15, 2020, there were 18,795 confirmed cases throughout the State of South Carolina, 2, 215 cases in Richland County and 1,155 cases in Lexington County, 600 deaths statewide, 72 deaths in Richland County and 39 deaths in Lexington County; and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public peace, health, welfare, and safety, and to preserve the lives of citizens of the City of Columbia, to require that masks, consisting of at least simple cloth face coverings, be worn by persons when interacting in public spaces in the City of Columbia; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this __ day of _____, 2020 that facial coverings or masks shall be required in public places within the City to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus disease, known as COVID-19.

"Face covering" or "mask" means a cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers both the mouth and nose and includes surgical masks, N-95 respirators, face shields, handmade masks, and bandanas.

A. The use of a face covering and/or mask is required by every person within the boundaries of the City of Columbia as detailed below. Every person over the age of ten (10) must wear a face covering when:

1. Inside a building open to the public;
2. Waiting to enter a building open to the public;
3. Interacting with other people in outdoor spaces, including, but not limited to, curbside pickup, delivery, and service calls;
4. When engaging in business activities in private spaces;
5. Utilizing public or private transportation; or
6. Walking in public where maintaining a distance of six (6) feet between other members of public at all times is not possible.

- B. Face coverings are not required in the following circumstances:
1. In personal vehicles;
 2. When a person is alone in enclosed spaces; during outdoor physical activity, provided the active person maintains a minimum of six (6) feet from other people at all times;
 3. When a person is alone or only with other household members;
 4. While drinking, eating or smoking;
 5. When wearing a face covering causes or aggravates a health condition.

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor offense and shall be subject to the penalties outlined in City Code section 1-5.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance or any application of it to any person, structure, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this emergency ordinance shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance of shall automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment of this ordinance.

Requested by:

Councilmember Duvall

Mayor

Approved by:

City Manager

Approved as to form:

ATTEST:

T. A. Knox

City Attorney

City Clerk

Introduced:

Final Reading: