

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA SETTING AN EXPECTATION THAT RESIDENTS FOLLOW GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, INCLUDING WEARING A MASK IN PUBLIC INDOOR SPACES AND GETTING A VACCINATION; AND AFFIRMING THE ABILITY OF BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO REQUIRE MASKS BEFORE ENTERING ITS SPACE.

- § 1. WHEREAS, a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) was first detected in China and has now been detected in 190 locations internationally, including the United States; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, in March of 2020, the President of the United States and the Governor of Oklahoma declared an emergency related to COVID-19; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Delta Variant, more contagious than the original virus, has been spreading across the Nation, Oklahoma, and Norman, resulting in an increase in positive cases and hospitalizations, and a designation for Cleveland County, Oklahoma of “high transmission”; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the CDC updated its guidance in response to the Delta variant on July 27, 2021; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the CDC recommends everyone, including fully vaccinated people, wear a mask that fully covers the nose and mouth in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, the CDC and State public health officials recommend that everyone who is eligible should get vaccinated against COVID-19 to prevent further spread and additional variants from developing; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, Council desires to set an expectation for residents to wear masks and get their vaccinations upon eligibility; and



§ 10. WHEREAS, Council desires to affirm the ability of businesses and organizations to require masks in its spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Norman, Oklahoma:

§ 11. THAT, residents should follow CDC guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including the wearing of masks in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status; and


§ 12. THAT, residents should get a vaccination for COVID-19 if they are eligible; and

§ 13. THAT, the City Council recognizes that businesses and organizations may impose more stringent mask requirements as a condition for entering its spaces.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



City Clerk

  
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Mayor Breea Clark