

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA  
RECOMMENDING THAT INDIVIDUALS  
WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN  
CIRCUMSTANCES AND MATTERS  
RELATED THERTO

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that the virus that causes the disease COVID-19 presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a world-wide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency for the United States and its territories in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina Henry McMaster declared a state of emergency for the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has 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 significant risk of exposure and infection and creates an extreme public health risk; and

WHEREAS, the number of cases is growing rapidly and the continued spread of COVID-19 in the City will increase the number of persons relying on medical, pharmaceutical, and general cleaning supplies and negatively impact the private and public sector work force and the demand for medical facilities may exceed locally available resources; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that we all work together to decrease the widespread proliferation of COVID-19 now rather than suffer the unfortunate and devastating consequences later; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and SCDHEC advise the use of cloth face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, taking measures to control outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the City’s residents, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety and welfare and the peace and order of the community, the City is taking steps to protect the citizens and employees of the City from increased risk of exposure; and

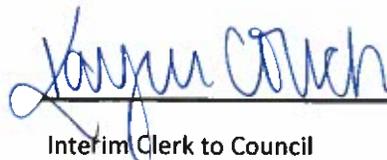
WHEREAS, in light of the forging, City Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is strongly recommended and encouraged by the Council of the Pickens, South Carolina as follows:

- 1) That all citizens, city employees, and visitors follow the proper CDC guidelines to social distance, frequently wash hands, and to wear Face Coverings while inside the enclosed area of any Public Building and Retail Establishment; and
- 2) Retail Establishments should require staff to wear Face Coverings while working in areas open to the general public and areas in which interactions with other staff are likely in which social distancing of at least six feet cannot be observed; and
- 3) That one should thoroughly wash/sanitize hands before putting on a face covering, should avoid touching the front of the face covering at all times, and should wash/sanitize hands before and after removing it. Frequent hand-washing and social-spacing protocols should continue along with the wearing of face coverings indoor shared spaces.
- 4) That businesses and public places in the City of Pickens are encouraged to prominently post signage at all entrances urging patrons, clients, and visitors to wear face coverings upon entering, and that the City of Pickens will create a public awareness and education campaign.
- 5) "Face Covering," in this resolution means a uniform piece of cloth, fabric, or other material that securely covers a person's nose and mouth and remains affixed in place without the use of one's hands. Face Coverings include, but are not limited to, medical masks, cloth masks, scarves, gaiters, or other similar coverings provided that they are worn such that they securely cover the person's nose and mouth

ADOPTED this 17 day of Aug, 2020.

ATTEST

  
Interim Clerk to Council

  
Mayor