

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING INDIVIDUALS WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND RETAIL AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency;

**WHEREAS**, also on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina issued Executive Order 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has subsequently declared a continued State of Emergency in Executive Orders 2020-15 (March 28), 2020-23 (April 12), 2020-29 (April 27), 2020-35 (May 12), 2020-38 (May 27), 2020-40 (June 11); and 2020-42 (June 26, 2020);

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina and Pickens County is experiencing a dramatic increase in the number of identified new COVID-19 cases, and as of July 7, 2020, the total number of persons affected are as follows:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Confirmed Cases</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
State of South Carolina	47,214	838
Pickens County	1,007	5
City of Easley (est.) (zip codes 29640 & 29642)	490	

Source (7-7-2020): <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/sc-testing-data-projections-covid-19>

**WHEREAS**, health authorities, including the CDC, the Surgeon General of the United States, and DHEC have recommended social distancing, proper and frequent hand washing, and the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is strongly recommended and encouraged by the Council of the Easley, 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) Foodservice Establishments should require staff who interact with customers (including, without limitation, delivery personnel) to wear Face Coverings while working.

- 4) 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
- 5) That businesses and public places in the City of Easley 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 Easley will create an public awareness and education campaign.
- 6) "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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2020.

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Mayor

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City Clerk