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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

SECOND RENEWAL OF CITY OF SHREVEPORT STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS La. R.S. 29:737 empowers the chief executive officer of a municipality to undertake immediate emergency response measures within the municipality whenever a situation develops within or outside the municipality and the chief executive officer of the municipality determines immediate action is required to preserve the public peace, property, health, or safety within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Mayor Adrian Perkins issued a “City of Shreveport Mayoral Declaration of a State of Emergency” which declared a state of emergency to exist within and throughout the City of Shreveport as a result of the novel coronavirus named SARS-CoV-2 and the respiratory disease caused by it, known as Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), in order to protect the health and safety of the people of Shreveport and in order to participate in any response and recovery plan administered by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and their power to act as administrator, as per La. R.S. 29:767, and pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act as amended, La R. S. 29:721, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2020, Mayor Perkins issued “Renewal of City of Shreveport Mayoral Declaration of a State of Emergency” which extended the state of emergency within and throughout the City of Shreveport due to the continued high numbers of new COVID-19 cases and deaths; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards renewed the State of Emergency for COVID-19 and announced that Phase 2 of Resilient Louisiana would be extended for an additional 28 days, until July 24, 2020 (Proclamation No. 75 JBE and Proclamation No. 83 JBE 2020), as a result of the number of COVID-19 cases and related hospitalizations rising across the state; and

WHEREAS, since the extension of Phase 2 of Resilient Louisiana, the City of Shreveport has experienced alarming spikes in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths; and

WHEREAS, information and data from medical professionals indicates that COVID-19 is more likely to be spread from individual to individual through close contact indoors and particularly through mass gatherings where people do not practice social distancing or wear personal protective masks or face coverings over the nose and mouth; and

WHEREAS, infected persons can transmit COVID-19 to others before showing any symptoms, and widespread and consistent use of personal protective masks or face coverings over the nose and mouth when in public is a critical and necessary measure to help slow the virus while

allowing local businesses to continue to reopen and help the City of Shreveport economy reopen;
and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 between individuals is greatly reduced through the wearing of personal protective masks or face coverings while indoors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 29:737, the World Health Organization's March 11, 2020 designation of the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic, and the direct and definitive threat to public health and safety from COVID-19, it is necessary to extend the City of Shreveport State of Emergency and require individuals to wear personal protective masks or facial coverings while indoors and in all commercial buildings, public buildings, places of worship, and outdoor public spaces where individuals cannot or it is impractical to maintain six (6) feet of physical distance; and

WHEREAS, these measures are necessary to preserve and protect the health and safety of the people of the City of Shreveport.

NOW THEREFORE, I ADRIAN PERKINS, Mayor of the City of Shreveport, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Shreveport by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby undertake immediate emergency response measures and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:737, declare that a State of Public Health Emergency continues to exist for the City of Shreveport.

SECTION 2: In response to the World Health Organization's March 11, 2020 designation of the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic, and because infected persons can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, all individuals within the City of Shreveport must wear personal protective masks or facial coverings over the nose and mouth while in commercial buildings, public buildings, places of worship, and outdoor public spaces where individuals cannot or it is impractical to maintain six (6) feet of physical distance.

SECTION 3: Within the City of Shreveport, personal protective masks or face coverings must cover your nose and mouth in the following situations:

- In all commercial buildings, public buildings, and places of worship.
- When indoors and in common areas, such as but not limited to, restrooms, hallways, stairways, elevators, or any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person's own household or residence) are present in commercial buildings, public buildings, and places of worship. This shall not apply to private households or residences.
- At outdoor public spaces where individuals cannot or it is impractical to maintain six (6) feet of physical distance.

- While riding public transportation, paratransit, or rideshare.

SECTION 4:

The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face mask/covering:


- Persons younger than two (2) years old.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a personal protective mask or face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask or face covering without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a personal protective mask or face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the mask or face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Personal protective masks or face coverings must be worn upon entering and exiting restaurants, bars, or other establishments that offer food or beverage service. However, persons are exempt who are seated at a restaurant, bar, or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided they are able to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Personal protective masks and coverings must be worn upon entering and exiting gyms or other fitness or recreational facilities. However, persons are exempt while working out at a gym or other fitness or recreational facility provided they are able to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Personal protective masks or face coverings must be worn upon entering, exiting, and remaining in places of worship. However, persons are exempt who are speaking to or addressing the group/congregation or singing in a choir, provided they are able to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.

Nothing within this declaration shall prohibit the temporary removal of the mask or face covering for the purpose of any necessary assessment, recognition, or identification during the course of a legal, government, or medical service.

- SECTION 5:** Businesses must require all customers, clients, and visitors to wear personal protective masks or face coverings over the nose and mouth, while indoors or on the premises, and conspicuously post signage at or near all entrances clearly indicating requirements and prohibitions. To the extent feasible, businesses are encouraged to have unused face coverings in stock to provide to customers, clients, and visitors attempting to enter but do not have a face covering.
- SECTION 6:** Throughout the duration of this declared state of emergency, restaurants, bars, or other establishments that offer food or beverage service, nightclubs, gyms and fitness clubs, barber shops and salons, casinos, shopping malls, movie theatres, places of worship, and all other businesses operating, must strictly adhere to the Governor's Order for Phase 2 of Resilient Louisiana and the Open Safely Requirements as provided by the State Fire Marshal at <https://opensafely.la.gov/PublicLinks.aspx>.
- SECTION 7:** For elections, all persons should follow the guidelines established by the Secretary of State.
- SECTION 8:** Schools, daycares, and summer camps are to follow the guidance established by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).
- SECTION 9:** Enforcement of these requirements will be handled by the Shreveport Police Department. Enforcement measures may include, but are not limited to, revocation of a business' ability to remain open under Phase Two guidelines and cessation of water service to the business. Businesses holding Alcoholic Beverage Outlet permits from the City are also advised that the right to maintain such permits is contingent on the business following all applicable laws, including those contained in these guidelines or any subsequently issued by the City.
- If a business or organization does not allow entry to a worker, customer, or patron because that person refuses to wear a personal protective mask or face covering, and if that worker, customer, or patron enters the premises or refuses to leave the premises, law enforcement personnel may enforce the criminal law and any other laws that the worker, customer, and patron may violate.
- SECTION 10:** The provisions established herein shall be effective from 5:00p on July 8, 2020 through 11:59p on August 8, 2020.

The City Attorney is directed to file this declaration promptly in the office of the Clerk of Court.

WITNESS my hand in Shreveport, Louisiana this 8th day of July, 2020.



ADRIAN PERKINS, MAYOR