

ORDER

WHEREAS, Councilman Stacy Comegys has conferred with leading State Health Officer Dr. Dobbs, over the past few weeks of the COVID-19 outbreak; All previous parties mentioned has agreed that requiring face coverings is absolutely necessary for the City of Laurel at this time.

WHEREAS, the CDC points to recent studies where a "significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms ("asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms ("pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity-for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing-even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms";

WHEREAS, the CDC and the MSDH recommend wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain and in areas of significant community-based transmission;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to public health, life and safety of citizens of Laurel, with 701 positive cases and 33 deaths to date in Jones County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stacy Comegys, Councilman of Ward 5 in the City of Laurel, ask the Council to approve the following mask Order for the City of Laurel, to take effect June 17, 2020 8:00 a.m. and ending July 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.; As to aid in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 1: MASKS FOR ESSENTIAL AND NONESSENTIAL RETAIL

- All employees of essential businesses and all employees of nonessential businesses shall wear a mask when working in or moving about the same workspace as other employees or working in or moving about the same room as the public.
- All employees of parcel, food or grocery delivery services (including, but not limited to FedEx, UPS, DoorDash, Uber Eats, Wal Mart Grocery Delivery, Instacart, Waitr,) shall wear a mask when making deliveries to a home or business.
- All customers age 12 or over shall wear a mask while inside an essential or nonessential retail establishment.
- For purposes of this Order, "mask" shall be defined as any face covering; including, but not limited to, fabric masks, homemade linen or cloth masks, household dust masks, handkerchief, scarf, surgical mask, KN95 mask or N95 mask.
- The above Order does not obligate an employer to purchase a certain type of mask for employees or the public.
- Nothing in this Order shall prevent a business from implementing a more restrictive policy in terms of masks or others measures to contain and prevent transmission of COVID-19.
- This Order shall not apply to customers who have trouble breathing or are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance; anyone with a disability; or anyone with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask is not recommended by their healthcare professional.

- Retail establishments are encouraged to post notice of the requirement for customers to wear masks at each public entrance of the store and to provide reasonable oversight of their customers to ensure compliance.

The above rule shall not apply to "essential healthcare operations" as defined in Governor Reeves' Executive Order 1463. These operations shall continue with protocols regarding personal protective equipment that adhere to CDC guidelines, medical best.

Motion was made by Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____, that the above and foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted, this the 16th day of June, A.D., 2020.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF COUNCIL ON _____.

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE _____

VETOED () DATE _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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