

# A Resolution

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**REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS WHILE INDOORS IN CITY FACILITIES AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN COMMERCIAL OR OTHER BUILDINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WHERE SOCIAL DISTANCING OF AT LEAST SIX FEET IS NOT FEASIBLE FROM ANOTHER PERSON NOT IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108, a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency was issued on March 13, 2020 in response to the imminent threat of widespread illness from COVID- 19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Local Disaster declared on March 13, 2020 has remained in place continuously since such date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor is authorized to take such actions as are necessary in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Worth so long as such action is consistent with Governor Abbott's executive orders; and

**WHEREAS**, the transmission of COVID-19 has not significantly dissipated and remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Fort Worth community and additional action is necessary to decrease rates of infection and the number of people admitted to hospitals, ICU, or on ventilators; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Worth desire to continue to protect the health and safety of the community and address developing and rapidly changing circumstances when presented by the current public health emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:**

1. From the date of this resolution, all employees, contractors, and visitors are required to wear face coverings while indoors at any City of Fort Worth facility where social distancing of at least six feet is not feasible from another person not in the same household.
2. Individuals in a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, where social distancing of at least six feet is not feasible from another person not in

the same household, are strongly urged to wear a mask.

3. The requirement of a face covering does not apply if covering the nose and mouth poses a significant mental or physical health risk to the individual. The requirement of a face covering also does not apply when an individual is consuming a food or beverage or receiving a service where the wearing of a face covering would impair the performance of the service.
4. There is no criminal or civil penalty will be imposed for an individual's failure to wear a mask.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Ron Gonzales, Interim City Secretary