

RESOLUTION NO. 1709

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING RESOLUTION 1706, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR FACE COVERINGS OR FACE MASKS TO BE WORN IN INDOOR PUBLIC PLACES TO HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Cases of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), hospitalizations, and deaths, continue to rise across the United States, in the State of Oklahoma, and in the City of Duncan; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2020, the City Council for the City of Duncan issued a Proclamation urging the citizens of Duncan to wear a face mask while inside of buildings or while in close proximity with other persons; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2020, the City Council for the City of Duncan voted to implement Resolution 1706, which, among other things, established guidelines for face mask or face covering use while inside of buildings or while in close proximity with other persons; by its terms, Resolution 1706 expires on February 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are warning that as the colder weather moves in, people will be spending more time indoors; especially during the upcoming holidays; and

WHEREAS, to slow the spread of COVID-19; while people are at indoor public areas people should wear a face mask, stay at least 6 feet apart, try to avoid crowds, and wash your hands often; and

WHEREAS, face masks or face coverings that cover both the mouth and nose have been shown effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council for the City of Duncan, Oklahoma, to protect the public and to prevent further negative economic impact by slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Duncan, Oklahoma, face masks or face coverings should be worn inside any publicly owned building, commercial entity, building, or structure that is open to the public.

The face mask or face covering guidelines do not apply to the following:

- A. Children under the age of five (5);
- B. Persons with a documented medical condition or disability, which prevents the wearing of a face mask or face covering;
- C. Persons seated at a restaurant or bar;

- D. People in a privately owned vehicle;
- E. Persons receiving services that require access to the face area, such as at a bank, dental office, or doctor office; however, while waiting for such services a mask shall be worn;
- F. Persons who care for or interact with the hearing impaired;
- G. Offices or work-spaces that are not open to the public and where social distancing can be maintained;
- H. Persons in an occupation in which wearing a face mask or face covering poses a hazard;
- I. A privately owned residence;
- J. Speakers, while addressing a public event or gathering, so long as social distancing is maintained.

Section 1. Signage

Buildings or facilities wherein a face mask or face covering is to be worn should post conspicuous signs at all entrances that employees, customers, users, and visitors should wear a face mask or face covering pursuant to the Resolution. The City Manager or the Code Enforcement Office shall direct the development of a uniform sign as set forth in this Resolution and shall assist businesses and entities in the placement or recommendations related to the sign.

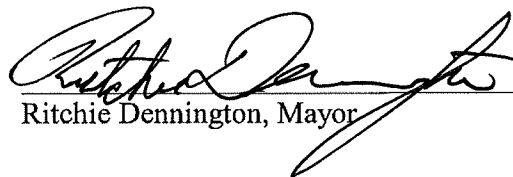
Section 2. Enforcement

There is no specific penalty for violations of this Resolution. However, persons refusing to wear a face mask or face covering may be subject to prosecution for trespass, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct or other similar offenses.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take immediate effect and remain in effect until April 30, 2021, at which time the City Council will determine if the Resolution needs to be extended.

THE CITY OF DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA
A Municipal Corporation,



Ritchie Dennington, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Christina Johnson
Secretary



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