

CITY OF WOODWARD

Proclamation



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF WOODWARD,
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS
IN INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES WITHIN WOODWARD CITY LIMITS**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Coronavirus COVID-19 disease a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency, due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's statewide emergency declaration has been renewed and extended numerous times and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), Alliance Health Woodward recommend the wearing of face coverings in public settings to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 from person to person; and

WHEREAS, a significant increase in positive cases of COVID-19 continues in the city of Woodward and;

THEREFORE, I, John Meinders, Mayor of the City of Woodward, on behalf of the City Commission of the City of Woodward proclaim:

The City of Woodward also finds that it is appropriate and in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare and would further protect property and civil order, to adopt this COVID-19 Proclamation strongly encouraging the wearing of face coverings over the nose and mouth whenever persons are entering and while inside any indoor place open to the public; and

The City of Woodward states that this COVID-19 Proclamation is being enacted to help limit the health impacts and slow the spread of COVID-19 and deter economic disturbances by strongly encouraging the wearing of face coverings over the nose and mouth whenever persons are entering and while inside any indoor place open to the public; and

FACE COVERINGS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Every person in the City of Woodward is strongly encouraged to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth and shall be worn consistent with CDC guidelines when inside a commercial entity or other building, structure or space open to the public, or public transit; provided, however, that this face covering requirement does not apply to the following:

- a. any person younger than 6 years of age;
- b. any person with a medical condition or disability for which a qualified physician has documented prevents said person from wearing a face covering, however, those excused from wearing a face covering should consider wearing a face shield;
- c. any person who is consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
- d. any person while the person is driving alone or with the passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
- e. any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal care or dental service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary;
- f. any person who is in a personal office, or similarly private space while other persons are not present;
- g. private homes;
- h. any person while giving a speech or independent performance, whether for an audience or a broadcast; performing groups shall be required to adhere to all covering CDC guidelines;
- i. any person performing work in which face coverings present or exacerbates a hazard;
- j. persons who care for, or interact with, a person who is hearing impaired and relies on lip reading to communicate;
- k. private lodging rooms in places of public accommodation;
- l. offices and workplaces that are not open to the public where social distancing between employees and other occupants can be and is consistently maintained during hours of operation;
- m. Educational institutions that have adopted a plan to prevent the spread of COVID-19 that includes physical distancing and face covering mandates appropriate for the institutional environment or extra-curricular events, participants, and spectators.

DEFINITIONS

“Face Covering” means a covering that fully covers a person’s nose and mouth. The term “Face Covering” includes, but is not limited to, cloth face masks, towels, scarves, face shields and/ or bandanas as recommended by the CDC or OSDH, an N95, KN95 or other mask that would be appropriate for a health care setting, or a surgical mask. The Face Covering should fit snugly on a person’s face but allow the person to breathe easily and worn consistent with the guidance provided by the CDC or OSDH.

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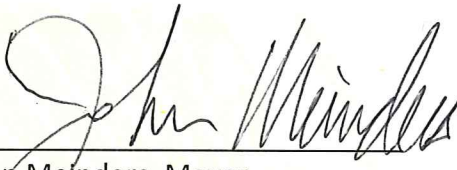


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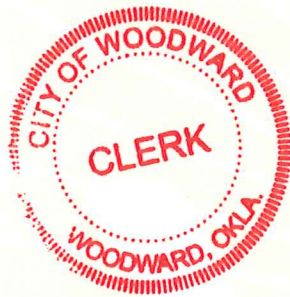
EXPIRATION OF PROCLAMATION

Unless otherwise repealed, amended, or superseded by ordinance, this face coverings resolution shall remain in effect until the termination of the Governor of the State of Oklahoma's Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

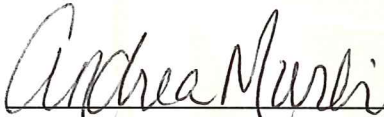
IN WITNESS WHEREOFF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Woodward to be affixed this 23rd day of November 2020.



John Meinders, Mayor



ATTEST:



Andrea Murlin, City Clerk