

## **RESOLUTION 2020-3**

### **A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL, FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, CITY OWNED PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARSCo V-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 391 of the Public Health Service Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, which began on March 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, also on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina (the "State") issued Executive Order 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State has subsequently declared a continued State of Emergency in Executive Orders 2020-15 (March 28), 2020-23 (April 12), 2020-29 (April 27), 2020-35 (May 12), 2020-38 (May 27), and 2020-40 (June 11); and

**WHEREAS**, the State is experiencing an increase in the number of identified new COVID-19 cases, and as of July 7, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") is reporting that there have been 47,352 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 819 confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, we realize that COVID-19 is not going away, so we as a community must reduce or eliminate death from the virus while doing as little economic damage to our small business community, the backbone of our City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Barnwell is committed to working with the community to provide a safe City for its citizens to live, work and play; and

**WHEREAS**, health authorities, including the CDC, the Surgeon General of the United States, and DHEC have recommended the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Barnwell that:

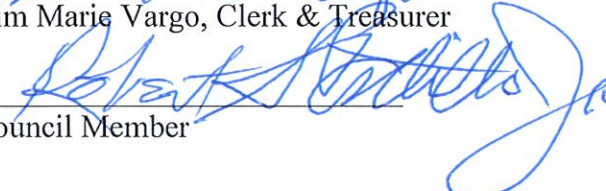
The Council of the City of Barnwell, based on the recommendations of public health experts and responsive to a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, hereby strongly encourages its residents, businesses, and visitors as follows:

1. Individuals should wear face coverings in all enclosed public spaces, including retail establishments, food service establishments and City Government Public Buildings, when social distancing of 6 feet or more is not possible.
2. Individuals should practice social distancing, handwashing, and other safety measures as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
3. Retail establishments and food service establishments should require all employees in regular contact with the general public to wear face coverings when social distancing of 6 feet or more is not possible.
4. Retail establishments should sanitize common areas &/or objects regularly.

**ADOPTED** by the Council of the City of Barnwell at a special meeting held this 8th day of July, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:

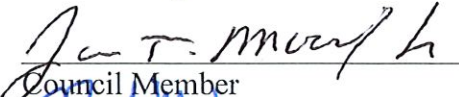
  
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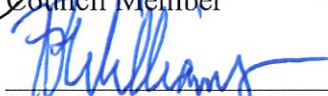
  
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