

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN  
GROVE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN  
PUBLIC DURING THE COVID-19 LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020 the County of Orange declared a local emergency and a local health emergency due to the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19; and since issued Public Health orders to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a "state of emergency" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and since issued several Executive Orders that include extraordinary measures directed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 and reducing impacts to residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Garden Grove Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to COVID-19; and on March 24, 2020, the City Council of the City of Garden Grove adopted Resolution 9613-20 ratifying the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services' Local Emergency Proclamation; and on April 15, 2020, orders issued pursuant to the proclamation of the local emergency were extended by the Director of Emergency Services to run concurrently with the Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of California.

WHEREAS, in continued efforts to "slow the spread" of COVID-19, which is an airborne illness, on June 18, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued updated guidance for the use of cloth face coverings by the general public when outside the home. This guidance mandates that face coverings be worn state-wide in accordance with specified circumstances and exceptions. The Orange County Health Officer issued similar guidance requiring face coverings on July 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, in conformance with guidance from the CDPH and the Orange County Health Officer, the City Council finds that, in light of evidence showing an increased transmission of COVID-19 both within the City and the broader community, as well as scientific evidence showing that wearing face coverings in public is effective at slowing the transmission of COVID-19, especially from those persons who are asymptomatic, a Resolution requiring face coverings while in a public setting is necessary to raise awareness and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 within the bounds of the City of Garden Grove;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove that the following orders be hereby implemented as follows:

SECTION 1. FACE COVERINGS. Pursuant to the local emergency proclamation and in accordance with the regulations of Chapter 6.08 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code and the California Emergency Services Act, Govt. Code 8550 et seq.:

- Each resident of, or visitor to, the City of Garden Grove shall wear a face covering when they are in the high-risk situations outlined in the attached CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings. The same exemptions also apply.
- To enhance public safety and awareness, the City shall promote wearing face coverings through various public outreach tools, including the use of electronic message boards, educational flyers, and website and social media messaging.

SECTION 2. PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT. The orders herein are issued pursuant the proclamation of the local emergency and enforceable pursuant to Section 6.08.120 and Chapter 1.04 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code, which prohibits any person from violating any provision of the Code and punishable as a misdemeanor, and Chapter 1.22 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code which further authorizes enforcement officers to issue administrative citations to persons violating any provision of the Municipal Code.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVENESS AND TERM. This Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until the end of the local emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services and ratified by the City Council, unless earlier repealed or terminated.