

RESOLUTION 20-23

STRONGLY URGING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN PLATTEVILLE AND REQUIRING THE USE OF FACE MASKS IN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Platteville recognizes the spread of the COVID-19 virus as a global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to combat the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 throughout the State of Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, according to data provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Grant County Health Department, COVID-19 cases have substantially increased within the City since March 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Platteville is utilizing the data and science provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Grant County Health Department to determine what actions are necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, scientific evidence suggests that wearing a cloth face covering reduces the risk of a person with COVID-19 spreading the infection to others and can also protect people without a COVID-19 infection from exposure to droplets that may contain the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds it in the public's interest to establish a policy which will be in the best interest of the public health, welfare, and safety of all City residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Grant County Health Department recommend the use of face coverings and continued participation in social distancing to reduce the exposure of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization recommend that individuals wear cloth face coverings when they are in public settings where they cannot reliably maintain six (6) feet of distance from others at all times.

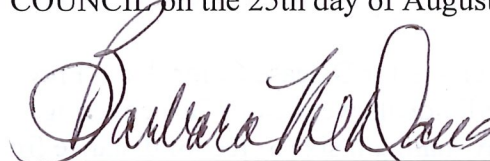
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PLATTEVILLE, WISCONSIN, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Platteville, pursuant to its authority under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, specifically Sections 323.11 and 323.14 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby:

1. Proclaims, that a public health emergency, as defined in Section 323.02(16) exists within the City of Platteville, WI.

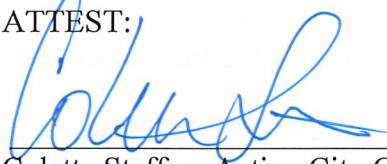
2. Designates the Grant County Health Department as the lead agency to respond to the public health emergency and directs the City Manager to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
3. Directs the City Manager, in conjunction with other City staff, as appropriate, to establish face covering requirements for City employees and other persons on municipal owned properties or in any City owned facility. This section shall not apply to persons under five years of age, persons who fall into the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines for those who should not wear a face covering due to a medical condition, mental health condition, developmental disability, or are otherwise covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with an upper respiratory chronic condition or silent disabilities, and persons in settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear face coverings, including but not limited to the following; when obtaining goods or services such as the receipt of dental services, medical treatments, or consuming food and drink.
4. **Strongly urges** every individual, age five and older, to wear a face covering in the following places:
 - A. Indoor Spaces open to the public, including but not limited to retail stores, bars, restaurants, entertainment venues, public meeting spaces, government buildings, civic centers, and other confined spaces open to the public where individuals congregate.
 - B. Outdoor areas open to the public where ten or more persons are gathered and unable to maintain six (6) or more feet of distance between people not from the same household.
 - C. Public transportation services, including public transit or other modes or transit available to the public.
5. Pursuant to Sections 323.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, this public health emergency shall remain in effect for sixty (60) days, or until revoked by the City Council.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL on the 25th day of August 2020.



Barbara Daus, Council President

ATTEST:



Colette Steffen, Acting City Clerk