

I.

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

1.01 Pursuant to Sec. 3.14 of the Round Rock Home Rule Charter, the City Council hereby declares that a public health emergency exists in the City of Round Rock because of the world-wide novel coronavirus ("Covid-19") pandemic.

1.02 On March 13, 2020 Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas issued a disaster proclamation that Covid-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas.

1.03 The Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services has determined that Covid-19 continues to represent a public health disaster.

1.04 On June 17, 2020, Governor Abbott publicly announced that according to his interpretation of his executive orders, "local governments can require stores and businesses to require masks" and further that every city and county is authorized to impose this "requirement on business operations."

II.

MANDATORY NOTICE FOR COMMERCIAL ENTITIES

2.01 Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2021, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on April 29, 2021, all commercial entities in the city that provide goods or services directly to the public shall post a notice to the public that all employees and visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities, are required to wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public, where six feet of separation is not feasible.

2.02 The aforesaid notice shall be posted in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of the health and safety requirements.

2.03 A sample Health and Safety Notice containing the minimum requirements is attached as Exhibit A and may be used by a commercial entity. A commercial entity may add its own additional requirements as determined by the entity.

III.

MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS FOR INDIVIDUALS

3.01 Except as provided below, effective as of 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2021, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on April 29 2021, all persons 10 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when

- a) inside a commercial entity or other building open to the public, where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other persons or where working

1 in areas that involve close proximity with other people or co-workers;
2 or

3 b) outside with a group of people where it is difficult to keep six feet away
4 from other persons in the group.

5 3.02 The requirement to wear face coverings does not apply to the following
6 situations:

7 a) When exercising or engaging in physical activity;

8 b) When in a building that requires security surveillance or screening,
9 such as banks;

10 c) While consuming food or drink;

11 d) When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or
12 security risk;

13 e) When outside with a group of only members of a single household;
14 or

15 f) When other mitigation strategy, such as plexiglass provides
16 adequate separation.

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18 **IV.**
19 **PENALTIES**

20 4.01 For the first instance that a person is determined to have violated any
21 provision of this Ordinance, the penalty shall be a verbal or written warning.

22 4.02 Any person found guilty of violating this ordinance after previously receiving
23 a warning, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200.00.

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25 **V.**
26 **EXPIRATION DATE**

27 5.01 Pursuant to Sec. 3.14 of the Round Rock Home Rule Charter, this
28 Emergency Ordinance shall be automatically repealed on the sixty-first day following the
29 day of its adoption, unless terminated sooner, or re-enacted by the Council.

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31 **VI.**

32 6.01 All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or resolutions in conflict herewith are
33 expressly repealed.

34 6.02 The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance shall not
35 invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

