

## **AN ORDER BY THE MAYOR OF ANGLETON, TEXAS**

### **REQUIREMENT FOR COMMERCIAL ENTITIES TO HAVE A POLICY REGARDING THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN THEIR FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Health Emergency was declared for the United States, and a State Disaster Declaration due to this Public Health Emergency caused by the novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) was declared by the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020 the City of Angleton declared a Disaster due to this Public Health Emergency, which has been extended by City Council and continues currently; and

**WHEREAS**, over 161 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in the City of Angleton, thirty-five in the last five days; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Angleton continues to see a substantial increase in COVID-19 positive cases and hospitalizations, and the City has been advised by health officials that face masks and social distancing, and the continued implementation of current Texas Department of State Health Services (“CSHS”) recommendations are necessary to curb this increase and prevent the City and regional hospitals and health care providers from becoming overwhelmed; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor’s Order GA-28 set forth requirements and impacted a local jurisdiction’s authority under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code currently in effect: and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2020 the City of Angleton issued a proclamation for all residents over the age of ten to voluntarily wear face masks follow health protocols and requested commercial entities to adopt voluntary policies regarding wearing face masks in their establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** All commercial entities in the City of Angleton providing goods or services directly to the public are required to develop, post, adopt, and implement mandatory policies regarding the wearing of face coverings or face masks for employees and visitors to such commercial entities while inside their facilities, and must promote safe social distancing at all times, and follow all Texas DSHS recommendations. Face coverings or face masks are required as set forth above for anyone ten (10) years or older. Commercial Entities are required to post this policy in conspicuous locations as customers enter their business, and in areas that are considered working areas for the commercial entity that involve close proximity to others and where six feet of separation is not feasible. Face masks or face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief.

**SECTION 2.** Failure of a commercial entity to develop and implement this policy may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.


**SECTION 3.** Face masks or face coverings are *not* required when outside, exercising, eating, or drinking and any time when doing so poses a mental, physical health, safety or security risk.

**SECTION 4.** The City must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the City website and file a copy of the Order with the City Secretary. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

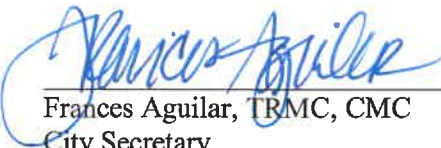
**SECTION 5.** This Order shall take effect at 12:00 A.M. on July 2, 2020 and continue until either terminated by the Mayor or until 12:00 AM on July 17, 2020.

**ORDERED this 1st day of July 2020.**

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

  
Jason Perez  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Frances Aguilar, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

