

Town of James Island

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Mayor



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Dear James Island Business:

The Town of James Island Town Council voted at its meeting last evening not to extend the Face Covering Ordinance. What does that mean for your business?

The previous ordinance mandated that you require patrons and staff to wear face coverings, and if not compliant you were subject to a \$500 fine per offence. Now that the ordinance has not been extended, you are not under a mandate to require face coverings.

However, as Mayor I strongly encourage you to look at your individual situation within your place of business and make the decision that makes the most sense for how you operate. Are your employees in constant proximity with the public, or is your staff normally working independently in their own office space? At Town Hall, I will continue to require the public and staff wear face coverings when interacting with one another. However, I understand that may not be the case for every situation. As COVID-19 cases in Charleston County continue to decline and the number of vaccinations continue to increase, I feel not continuing with the mask mandate at this time is prudent.

As before, if someone enters or remains in your business without a face covering and they refuse to leave at your request because your internal policy requires them, we ask you to call the Sheriff's Department Non-Consolidated Dispatch at 843-743-7200, or depending on the situation 911 may be necessary.

It is our understanding that the City of Charleston as well as Charleston County continue to mandate face coverings. Many James Island businesses are not within the Town's jurisdiction, such as the majority of Grocery Stores. We understand this may create confusion across the island, and if you wish to remain consistent with neighboring jurisdictional standards, I encourage you to follow the news and what the latest information is regarding the requirement.

Respectfully,

Mayor Bill Woolsey

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