

A RESOLUTION TO FOLLOW CHARLESTON COUNTY, CDC AND SC-DHEC GUIDELINES AT THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND REGARDING FACE COVERINGS FOR PUBLIC INDOOR AREAS

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, to prevent further spread of the Delta variant, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated mask guidance to recommend that fully vaccinated people wear masks indoors when in areas with "substantial" and "high" transmission of Covid-19, which includes nearly two-thirds of all US counties; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, the CDC announced that over 90% of the nation's counties are areas with substantial or high transmission of Covid-19, meaning that most counties in the country now meet the CDC's guidelines recommending that all people wear masks indoors whether they are vaccinated or not; and

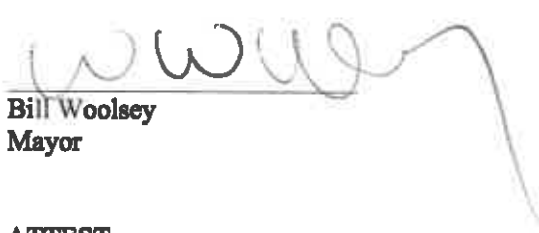
WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC-DHEC) issued a press release entitled "DHEC Supports Updated CDC Guidance, Recommends Indoor Masking for All Regardless of Vaccination Status"; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2021, Charleston County issued a press release entitled "Face Coverings will be required in all Charleston County Government Buildings"; and

WHEREAS, due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in the tri-county area and the increasing threat of the Delta variant, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and SC-DHEC is recommending that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a face covering in indoor public spaces; and

WHEREAS, as Charleston County has followed guidance from the CDC and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC-DHEC), the Town of James Island will follow that guidance by requiring face coverings inside specific Town of James Island buildings and public areas regardless of vaccination status;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that beginning Friday, August 20, 2021, visitors and employees (both vaccinated and unvaccinated) will be required to wear face coverings in all indoor, public areas of Town of James Island buildings. These buildings and areas include the Frances Simmons Council Chambers, the indoor public reception area, common areas of the main Town Hall Building and the James Island Arts and Cultural Center.


Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST


Frances Simmons
Town Clerk

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