



BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE,
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

EXTENSION OF
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER
STRONGLY URGING FACE MASK/COVERINGS
EFFECTIVE 12:01 a.m. MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020
EXTENDED 12:01 a.m. MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020
EXTENDED 12:01 a.m. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020
EXTENDED 12:01 a.m. FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
EXTENDED 12:01 a.m. MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021
EXPIRES 11:59 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2020, a Local State of Emergency Order Strongly Urging Face Mask/Coverings was issued for the City of Rockledge, effective July 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida remains under a State of Emergency, per Executive Order 21-45; and

WHEREAS, a public health emergency still exists due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision, such as the City of Rockledge, to declare a local state of emergency and to exercise certain powers and authority to safeguard the lives and property of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends use of facial coverings to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the re-opening of the State of Florida has led to more contact between individuals gathered together in public places, which remains likely to increase the transmission of COVID-19 among individuals and the spread of COVID-19 within Florida communities; and

WHEREAS, according to public data provided by the Florida Department of Health, Florida continues to experience an increase in Coronavirus cases across the state of Florida and within Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, based on the airborne manner in which Coronavirus is spread, and correlation of infection rates with the presence (or absence) of social distancing measures, it is prudent to be concerned that COVID-19 cases will continue to significantly increase within the City of Rockledge if additional measures are not taken to stop or slow the spread of the virus.

In a further effort to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus and to protect the health and safety of citizens, residents and visitors of the City of Rockledge, I hereby declare that the City of Rockledge strongly encourages that every person working, living, visiting or doing business in the City of Rockledge wear a face covering in any indoor public location, **particularly those services deemed "essential," to include grocery stores, drugstores, and convenience stores.**

For the purposes of this Order, the following terms used in this Order are defined as follows:

- Face Covering - a uniform piece of material that securely covers a person's nose and mouth and remains affixed in place without the use of one's hands, whether store-bought or homemade, concurrent with CDC guidelines.
- Social Distancing - keeping space between yourself and other people by staying at least six (6) feet (or approximately 2 arms' length) from other people.

All businesses with a storefront that allows customers in their building for the purpose of purchasing goods and services are **strongly urged** to post their face covering policies at points of entry in a visible and conspicuous manner for customers or other invitees to read prior to entering.

All businesses with a storefront that allows customers in their building for the purpose of purchasing goods and services are requested to prohibit entry of any person who is not wearing a face covering, with the exception of the below listed persons:

- Persons under six (6) years of age;
- Persons for whom a face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition;
- Persons working in a business or profession who do not have interactions with other persons;
- Persons exercising while maintaining social distancing;
- Persons working in an office when all interactions with

others is done with social distancing as recommended by the CDC;

- Persons while eating and/or drinking at a restaurant; provided, however, that face coverings must otherwise be worn in restaurants;
- Public Safety, fire and other life safety healthcare personnel, as their personal protective equipment requirements will be governed by their respective agencies;
- The requirement shall not apply when a person who is hearing-impaired needs to see the mouth of someone wearing face covering in order to communicate.

This Order is extended through April 30, 2021, unless rescinded sooner, in support of the continued efforts to ensure public safety and health for citizens, residents and visitors of the City of Rockledge.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Mayor of the City Council of the City of Rockledge, Brevard County, Florida, this 1st day of March, 2021.



Mayor, City Council of the
City of Rockledge, Florida

ATTEST:



City Clerk