

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS DURING THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, there are 97,064 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Georgia as of July 6, 2020, and 7,050 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in DeKalb County as of July 6, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the presence of community spread in Georgia and DeKalb County has been confirmed and it is expected that substantially more cases will be diagnosed in Georgia and DeKalb County during the COVID-19 outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in response to the outbreak of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp declared that a public health emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the spread of COVID-19 within Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, as a densely populated, thriving suburban community that serves as a center of commercial, civic, government, social, entertainment, academic, and religious activities, the City of Dunwoody has heightened risk of "community spread" as that term is defined by the Centers for Disease Control; and,

WHEREAS, a significant number of Georgia residents are at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, a large number of persons with serious infections can compromise the ability of the healthcare system in DeKalb County to deliver necessary care to the public; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, transmitted through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus and persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic two to fourteen days after exposure; and,

WHEREAS, asymptomatic and presymptomatic infected persons are infectious and, without mitigation, the current estimate is that 40%-80% of infections occur from individuals without symptoms; and,

WHEREAS, respiratory droplets from infected persons are a major mode of COVID-19 transmission. This understanding is the basis of the recommendations for

physical distancing, and of the personal protective equipment guidance for healthcare workers. Droplets do not only come from coughing or sneezing; droplets are generated via talking and breathing; and,

WHEREAS, evidence indicates that the use of face coverings reduces the transmissibility per contact by reducing transmission of infected droplets in both laboratory and clinical contexts. Public face covering wearing is most effective at stopping the spread of the virus when compliance is high. This evidence supports the conclusion that the adoption of more widespread face covering requirements can help to control the COVID-19 epidemic by reducing the shedding of droplets into the environment from asymptomatic individuals; and,

WHEREAS, guidelines published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommend that all people wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other physical distancing measures may be difficult to maintain. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others; and,

WHEREAS, decreased transmissibility due to face covering use could substantially reduce the death toll and economic impact while the cost of the intervention is low; and,

WHEREAS, as of July 7, 2020 orders requiring face coverings in total or in part are already in place state-wide in at least twenty-one (21) states and in many local communities in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Kemp's executive order 6.29.20.02 "Empowering a Healthy Georgia" on June 29, 2020 ordered "that all residents and visitors to the State of Georgia are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings as practicable while outside their homes or place of residence, except when eating, drinking, or exercising outdoors."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, as follows:

All persons within the jurisdiction of the City of Dunwoody shall wear a mask or a cloth face covering over the nose and mouth: (1) when inside a commercial location or other building or space open to the public, or (2) when in an outdoor public space when it is not feasible to maintain social distancing of not less than six feet from another person not from the same household.

While still suggesting that masks and face coverings be worn to the maximum extent practicable, the requirements of this Section shall not apply to the following:

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- any person younger than (10) years of age;
- any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents the wearing of a mask or face covering;
- while consuming food or drink;
- while in a personal motor vehicle;
- any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the mask or face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal care service involving the face or head, but only for the minimal amount of time necessary for the service to be performed;
- while in a swimming pool;
- while voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election;
- During physical activity, provided the active person at all times maintains a minimum of six (6) feet from other people not from their same household;
- within any place of worship;

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE, this 13th day of July, 2020.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Lynn Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk