

INTRODUCED: June 8, 2020

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2020-R042

To express the Council’s support for the Governor of Virginia’s executive order requiring that face coverings be worn in public indoor areas to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Patron – Mr. Jones, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Robertson, President Newbille, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Gray,
Mr. Addison and Ms. Larson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 8 2020 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, the Governor of Virginia issued Executive Order No. 63 (2020), providing that, effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 29, 2020, “[a]ll patrons in the Commonwealth aged ten and over shall when entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside [public indoor settings] cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC,” in continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Administration has issued guidelines concerning the use of face coverings for employees of the City as the City moves forward with Phase One of Forward

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Virginia, the Governor of Virginia's plan to reopen businesses and public facilities closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the city of Richmond that the Council support the Governor of Virginia's Executive Order 63 (2020) and the guidelines of the City's Administration concerning the use of face coverings for employees of the City to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council supports the Governor of Virginia's Executive Order 63 (2020) and the guidelines of the City's Administration concerning the use of face coverings for employees of the City to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, Interim Richmond City Attorney
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THROUGH Lawrence R. Anderson
Council Chief of Staff

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DATE May 29, 2020

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TITLE Support for the Governor and Mayor in Requiring Face Masks

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By Elyse Steele at 10:34 am, Jun 01, 2020

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Michael Jones, 9th District
Representative

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

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ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The Patron would like to show his support for the Governor of Virginia Ralph Northam and Richmond City Mayor Levar Stoney's decision to require that face masks be worn in public areas, including indoors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND

Summary:

On May 26, 2020, Governor Northam signed Executive Order 63 (2020), Order of Public Health Emergency Five: Requirement to Wear Face Covering While Inside Buildings. This Executive Order requires individuals to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth while indoors. This is in response to the State of Virginia reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic after being closed for over two months (Executive Order 61). The purpose of the face mask requirement is to stifle the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Enforcement of this requirement begins on May 29, 2020. For more information regarding Executive Order 63, please see attachments.

Mayor Levar Stoney is requiring face masks in all city owned buildings as the City moves forward with Phase One of Forward Virginia (as outlined in Executive Order 61). For more information regarding the City of Richmond services during Phase 1 and the requirement to don a face mask, please see the attached press release.

"We now know that you can be infected with COVID-19 before you have symptoms, and you may not get any symptoms at all. Wearing a mask—the CDC is now calling it a cloth covering to distinguish it from medical masks used by healthcare workers—reduces the amount of virus you might spread into the air and onto surfaces if you happen to be sick. This would help slow transmission. A second benefit is that a mask, depending on the type of fabric, how tightly it fits, and how diligently you wear it, can help reduce your exposure to virus that might be present in the air, reducing your chances of catching the disease."

— Dr. Linsey Marr, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Posted on 4/9/2020; <https://www.science.org/covid/expert-quotes-covering-face>)

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact:		

Attachment/s Yes No