

AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNTY COUNCIL

1/14/2021

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SPECIAL COUNTY COUNCIL
BEVERLY T. CRAVEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4045 BRIDGEVIEW DRIVE, NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 29405
JANUARY 14, 2021
5:00 PM**

1. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

2. COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

- A) Update**
- B) Ordinance**

- Presentation**
- 1. Request to Consider**
- 2. Ordinance 1st Reading**

3. MANDATORY FACE COVERING ORDINANCE EXTENSION

- A) Request to Consider**
- B) Ordinance 1st Reading**

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND AGENDAS WERE FURNISHED TO NEWS MEDIA AND PERSONS REQUESTING NOTIFICATION.

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CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of County Council

FROM: Kristen L. Salisbury, Clerk of Council

DATE: January 8, 2021

SUBJECT: COVID-19

At the Special County Council meeting of January 14, 2021, Emergency Management Director Jason Patno will give an update on the status of the County's response to COVID-19.

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AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY DUE TO THE THREATS POSED BY THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to Charleston County Council (“County Council”) under S.C. Code Ann. § 4-9-130 and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Charleston County, South Carolina, Chapter 7, Emergency Preparedness, and the Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Plan, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-01 declaring a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020, (“Emergency Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-02 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days and removed the limitation on the conduct and participation of councilmembers at Council meetings remotely (i.e., for the purpose of updates and briefings of Council) and on April 30, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-3 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days, and May 30, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-4 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional fourteen (14) days, and on June 11, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-06 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional fifteen (15) days, and on June 25, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-7 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional fifteen (15) days, and on July 9th, 2020, County Council Adopted Ordinance #E-20-9 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days, and on August 6, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-10 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days, and on September 3, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-12 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional twenty (20) days, and on September 22, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-14 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional sixty (60) days and on November 19, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-16 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, County Council extended the State of Emergency due to the continuing potential health effects and health risks posed by COVID-19 and because COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the citizens of Charleston County; and

WHEREAS, the potential health effects and health risks posed by COVID-19 still exist and COVID-19 continues to pose an actual or imminent health emergency for the citizens of Charleston County, therefore, Charleston County Council desires to extend the Emergency Ordinance for an additional sixty (60) days; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Charleston County Council hereby adopts the above-referenced recitals by reference as findings of County Council and extends the Emergency Ordinance for an additional sixty (60) days, unless sooner terminated by act of Charleston County Council.

If, for any reason, a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates any part of this Ordinance, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force.

THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY enacted this 14th day of January, 2021.

CHARLESTON COUNTY

By: _____

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.
Chairman
Charleston County Council

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EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS, AND EXCEPTIONS THERETO

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council determined, based on the recommendations of public health authorities, an emergency exists, and responsive to a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, that it serves the public interest and is within the County's police powers under Home Rule and S.C. Code § 4-9-25 to require that individuals wear face coverings in certain situations and locations within the **unincorporated areas of Charleston County**; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, pursuant to the authority conferred by §§ 4-9-30 and 4-9-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and §7-21 of the Charleston County Code of Ordinances, Charleston County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-08 requiring face coverings in certain situations and locations within the unincorporated areas of Charleston County for a period of sixty (60) days (the "Mask Ordinance"), and on August 11th 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-11 that extended the Mask Ordinance for an additional thirty (30) days, and on September 3, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-13 that extended the Mask Ordinance for an additional twenty (20) days, and on September 22, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-15 that extended the Mask Ordinance for an additional sixty (60) days, and on November, 19, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-17 that extended the Mask Ordinance for an additional sixty (60) days; and,

WHEREAS, the potential health effects and health risks posed by COVID-19 still exist and COVID-19 continues to pose an actual or imminent health emergency for the citizens of Charleston County, therefore, Charleston County Council desires to extend the Mask Ordinance for an additional period of sixty (60) days; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Charleston County Council hereby adopts the above-referenced recitals by reference as findings of County Council and extends the Mask Ordinance for an additional sixty (60) days, unless sooner terminated by act of Charleston County Council.

If, for any reason, a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates any part of the Mask Ordinance, the remaining portions of the Mask Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2021.

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman