

**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

**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 thirty (30) 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 thirty (30) 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 11th day of August,  
2020.

CHARLESTON COUNTY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
J. Elliott Summey, Chairman