



## **MAYORAL MASK MANDATE**

**City of Minot, North Dakota**

### **MANDATE – COVID-19 – FACE COVERING REQUIRED**

On March 16, 2020, the Minot City Council approved an emergency declaration relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Minot City Council approved a resolution implementing a mask directive to strongly encourage all Minot residents, visitors and businesses to actively participate in the mitigation of COVID-19. Additionally, on August 17, 2020, the Minot City Council approved a temporary employment policy requiring all City employees to wear face masks while at work or interacting with the public when social distancing guidelines cannot be maintained.

The City of Minot appreciates the sacrifice that individuals, businesses (including employees and other workers) are making in order to stem the tide of COVID-19 cases; however, the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths resulting continue to rise in the world, the nation and the state, including the City of Minot. Each one of us – each resident, adult, child, family, business and store – must do more. As a community, we must all do our part to greatly reduce the spread of this deadly COVID-19 disease and, therefore, I am issuing this MANDATE to every person, family, business, and store in the City and to adopt appropriate measures accordingly.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, ORDERED, AND MANDATED:**

**Article I. Definitions.** – For purposes of this mandate, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. “Face covering” shall mean a paper or two-layered cloth face mask that covers the nose and mouth completely, and includes a paper or disposable face mask or a religious face covering.
- b. “Business” and “businesses” are broadly defined to include entities that employ or engage workers, including private-sector entities, public-sector entities, non-profit entities, and state, county, and local governments.
- c. “Social distancing” means individuals keeping at least six (6) feet of distance from other individuals who are not members of their household.
- d. “Household” means a group of individuals who share the same living unit.

**Article II. COVID-19 Face Covering Required.** – Every person shall, within the City of Minot, wear a face covering over the mouth and nose in all indoor environments where they are exposed to non-household members and where social distancing of six (6) feet or more cannot be

assured and in all outdoor settings where there is exposure to non-household members, unless there exists ample space of six (6) feet or more to practice social distancing.

The following shall be exempt from wearing a face covering:

- a. Persons younger than school age, although parents and guardians are encouraged to have such younger children wear face coverings when and where appropriate;
- b. Persons with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- c. Persons performing job duties where a six (6) feet distance is not achievable, but a mask is inhibitory to the ability to safely and effectively perform the job duty;
- d. Persons participating in athletic activities where a six (6) feet distance is not achievable, but a mask is inhibitory to the activity;
- e. Persons actively consuming food or drink;
- f. Persons driving a motor vehicle alone or with passengers from the driver's household;
- g. Persons receiving services that require access to the face for security, surveillance, or other purposes may temporarily remove a face covering while receiving those services;
- h. Persons engaged in religious worship activities; however, face coverings are strongly encouraged;
- i. Persons giving a speech or performance for broadcast or to an audience; however, those persons shall safely distance from nearby individuals.

This mandate shall not prohibit law enforcement officers or local officials from enforcing trespassing laws or other applicable laws in removing violators at the request of businesses or other property owners.

**Article III. No penalty.** – Although these measures are being mandated with the strongest possible recommendation, there is no penalty for non-compliance with this mandate.

**Article IV. Effective Date and Term.** – This mandate shall take effect immediately and it shall remain in effect until the underlying state of emergency has ended unless it is sooner modified or terminated by the mayor or unless it is modified or terminated sooner by motion or resolution approved by the City Council.

DATED this 19 day of October, 2020.

  
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Shaun Sipma  
Mayor, City of Minot