

RESOLUTION NO. 3619

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CDC RECOMMENDATIONS; REQUIRING MASKS FOR VISITORS AND EMPLOYEES INSIDE OF CITY OWNED FACILITIES; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO CITY OPERATIONS TO PROTECT THE EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Bartlesville is charged with the solemn responsibility of protecting the public peace, health, order, morals, and safety, and promoting the general welfare of the City of Bartlesville and its inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency; due to the COVID-19 disease pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, a White House Coronavirus Task Force Report for the State of Oklahoma dated November 15, 2020 states that "The spread in Oklahoma is exponential and unyielding, with hospitalizations increasing week over week and reported limited bed availability. Increases from the past two weeks correlate with Halloween and related activities. With Thanksgiving and upcoming holidays, Oklahomans must understand the COVID-19 situation statewide. Serious messaging and action are needed from state leadership; recommending Oklahomans wear masks in public settings communicates the current risk level and actions all Oklahomans need to take."; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of new cases in Washington County have started to decline in February 2021, but the levels of new cases still put Washington County residents at elevated risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bartlesville has sought to slow the spread of COVID-19 through the least restrictive means necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, experts from the Whitehouse, CDC, State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Department of Health, and many other institutions have recommended hand washing, social distancing, mask wearing, and receiving a COVID-19 vaccine as the least restrictive and most effective means of slowing the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the position of the City Council of the City of Bartlesville that these measures are effective and should be followed by all citizens in the City of Bartlesville; and

**WHEREAS**, compliance with these recommendations by the citizens of Bartlesville now will help to prevent more restrictive measures in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** All persons, including but not limited to employees, customers, vendors, visitors, and volunteers, who are in a City owned facility or vehicle shall wear a face covering as defined by the CDC except in the following circumstances:

1. Alone in an enclosed space;
2. Alone in a vehicle;
3. Children under the age of 10;
4. When a licensed healthcare provider has determined that wearing a face covering causes or aggravates a health condition for the individual.
  - a. In these instances, face shields may be provided and required

**SECTION 2:** If necessary, the City Manager is authorized to take the following actions:

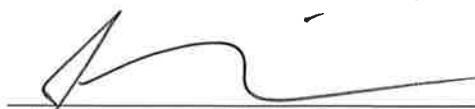
1. Where practical, to close portions of public facilities to the public and encourage the use of email, telephone, and other remote methods of conducting business with the City;
2. To modify work schedules and conditions as necessary to ensure business continuity and employee safety;
3. To invoke special protocols to limit the risk of exposure for City employees;
4. To establish procedures for certain employees to telecommute where practical;
5. To provide paid admin leave for employees who have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 as per management developed policy;
6. Establish mandatory disinfection protocols for all City facilities;
7. Take other actions as necessary to preserve the health and safety of City employees;
8. As needed and where prudent, utilize funding from the Capital Reserve Fund to purchase items necessary to facilitate these directions.

**SECTION 3:** These measures will take effect on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm and shall stay in effect until May 3, 2021 at 11:59 pm or until repealed. These measures shall be reviewed and, if warranted, amended or renewed by the City Council no later than at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 3, 2021.

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BARTLESVILLE THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2021.**



Dale Copeland, Mayor  
City of Bartlesville



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City Clerk  
City of Bartlesville

