

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 200.92 and adding Section 200.93 to Article 8, Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require all persons over two years of age to wear a face covering when in public.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency regarding the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. The same day, Mayor Eric Garcetti also declared a local emergency over the COVID-19 outbreak. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared the health crisis a pandemic. On March 13, 2021, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, health professionals, including the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, have recommended that everyone wear a face covering when they are interacting with others who are not members of their household in public and private to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti issued an order requiring Angelenos to wear face coverings when outside their home in order to aid the fight against the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section. 1. Section 200.92 of Article 8, Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SEC. 200.92. FACE COVERING IN PUBLIC.

A person over two years of age shall wear a Face Covering whenever leaving their place of residence and are in a public or private place indoors where other non-household members might be present. A person over two years of age shall wear a Face Covering whenever leaving their place of residence and entering, traveling through, remaining in or exiting a public or private place outdoors where they may come in contact with or walk near or past others who are non-household members, except during the time when a person is eating or drinking while seated at a dining table. Any person who has been instructed by a medical provider that they should not wear a Face Covering must wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge. This ordinance is enforceable pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.00, including as a misdemeanor, infraction, or Administrative Enforcement Citation (ACE).

Sec. 2. Section 200.93 is added to Article 8, Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 200.93. SUNSET.

This article shall sunset upon the later of either the Governor of California lifting the State of Emergency he declared on March 4, 2020, or the City terminating the Declaration of Emergency declared by the Mayor of Los Angeles on March 4, 2020.

Sec. 3. Urgency Clause. The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health, and safety for the following reasons: In order to protect the public in the City of Los Angeles from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, it is critical that people wear face coverings when outside their home in public or private settings where they may come in contact with non-household members. To promote the health and safety of the residents of the City of Los Angeles, this ordinance must become effective as soon as possible. For all these reasons, this ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles Charter Section 253.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____