

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding Article 8 to Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to authorize a business owner or operator in the City of Los Angeles to refuse admittance or service to any person who fails to wear a face covering.

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 over the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, health professionals, including the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, have requested 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;

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; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of business owners and operators, their employees, and their customers from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, owners and operators must be empowered to require every patron to wear a face covering when on the premises of a business or when seeking or receiving services.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section. 1. Article 8 is added to Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8

FACE COVERING

SEC. 200.90. DEFINITION OF FACE COVERING.

“Face Covering” means a face covering that covers the nose and mouth and is secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials such as cotton, silk, or linen. A face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. A compliant Face Covering does not include any

face covering that incorporates a device, such as a valve, that facilitates air to exit from the face covering.

SEC. 200.91. AUTHORIZATION TO REQUIRE A FACE COVERING.

Any business owner or operator in the City of Los Angeles is authorized to refuse admittance or service to any person who refuses or fails to wear a Face Covering when on the premises of the business or when seeking or receiving service.

SEC. 200.92. SUNSET.

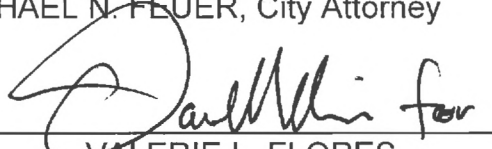
This article shall sunset upon the later of either the Governor of California lifting the State of Emergency he declared on March 4, 2020, or the Mayor of Los Angeles lifting the Declaration of Emergency he declared on March 4, 2020.

Sec. 2. **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 for business owners and operators in the City of Los Angeles to protect the health of safety of themselves, their employees, and their customers from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, owners and operators must be empowered to require every patron to wear a face covering when on the premises of the business or when seeking or receiving services. 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, the ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles Charter Section 253.

Sec. 3. 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 _____