

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-28
RECOMMENDING INDIVIDUALS WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND RETAIL AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency;

WHEREAS, also on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina issued Executive Order 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State;

WHEREAS, the Governor has subsequently declared a continued State of Emergency in Executive Orders 2020-15 (March 28), 2020-23 (April 12), 2020-29 (April 27), 2020-35 (May 12), 2020-38 (May 27), 2020-40 (June 11); and 2020-42 (June 26, 2020);

WHEREAS, South Carolina is experiencing a dramatic increase in the number of identified new COVID-19 cases, and as of June 30, 2020, the total number of persons affected are as follows:

Jurisdiction	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
State of South Carolina	36,267	735
Aiken County	387	10
City of North Augusta (zip codes 29841 & 29860)	131	

Source (7-1-2020): <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/sc-testing-data-projections-covid-19>

WHEREAS, health authorities, including the CDC, the Surgeon General of the United States, and DHEC have recommended the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is strongly recommended and encouraged by the Council of the North Augusta, South Carolina as follows:

- 1) Face Coverings be worn by all customers while inside the enclosed area of any Public Building and Retail Establishment; and
- 2) Retail Establishments should require staff to wear Face Coverings while working in areas open to the general public and areas in which interactions with other staff are likely in which social distancing of at least six feet cannot be observed; and
- 3) Foodservice Establishments should require staff who interact with customers (including, without limitation, delivery personnel) to wear Face Coverings while working.
- 4) “Face Covering,” in this resolution means a uniform piece of cloth, fabric, or other material that securely covers a person’s nose and mouth and remains affixed in place

without the use of one's hands. Face Coverings include, but are not limited to, bandanas, medical masks, cloth masks, scarves, and gaiters, provided that they are worn such that they securely cover the person's nose and mouth.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2020.



Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Lamar, City Clerk