RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Approving COVID-19 Related Mask Requirement City Wide

Committee Action: Approved 3-2
Fiscal Impact: None
File Number: 20-0317 Date Introduced: November 10, 2020

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues throughout the United States, including throughout the State of Wisconsin and the City of Wausau; and

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation under Wis. Stat. §62.11(5) to act “for the health, safety, and welfare of the public” to protect residents and employees; and

WHEREAS, evidence suggests that COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets when a person infected with the disease, symptomatic or not, coughs, sneezes, or talks; and further, that wearing a cloth face covering reduces the risk of a person with a COVID-19 infection from spreading the infection to others and can also protect people without an infection from exposure to droplets that may contain the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services advise that wearing a cloth face covering reduces the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2020, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin through Executive Order #90, declared a Public Health Emergency, in effect for 60 days until November 21, 2020, and corresponding Emergency Order #1, requiring face coverings for people over the age of 5 whenever one is indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence, and other people are present in the same room or space; and
WHEREAS, Marathon County COVID-19 Order #1 provides that pursuant to Wis. Stat. §252.03(1)(2), the Health Officer recommends the use of a mask or cloth face covering when physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household is impractical.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Katie Rosenberg and the Common Council of the City of Wausau, that every individual age five (5) and older who is present in the City of Wausau shall wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth of that individual in indoor areas accessible to the public and while driving or riding public transportation or a qualifying vehicle, unless exempted below.

Exemptions.

(1) Persons who have chronic upper respiratory conditions or are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove their own face covering without assistance;

(2) Persons with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, or sensory sensitivities that prevent or impair the person’s ability to wear a face covering;

(3) Persons who fall within the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for those who should not wear face coverings due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering;

(4) Persons who are communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing and communication cannot be achieved through other means;

(5) Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by government safety guidelines;

(6) Persons in a setting where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering when obtaining or rendering goods or services to the extent necessary to obtain or render such goods and services including but not limited to the receipt of dental services or medical treatments or while consuming food or beverages;

(7) Persons actually engaged in exercising in a gym or other similar indoor facility, so long as physical separation of not less than six (6) feet is maintained and the individual wears a face covering at all times when not actually engaged in exercising;

(8) Whenever federal, state or local law otherwise prohibits wearing a face covering or where it is necessary to evaluate or verify an individual’s identity;

(9) Persons whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering.
Definitions.

(1) "Face covering" means a manufactured or homemade cloth or synthetic material covering that fully covers an individual's nose and mouth and that is secured with ear straps or otherwise tied so as to prevent slipping, and/or a face shield which covers the mouth and nose, covers the side of the face, and is secured on the head.

(2) "Indoor area accessible to the public" means any interior area of any structure or premises licensed by the City of Wausau or used in whole or in part as a place of resort, assemblage, lodging, trade, traffic, occupancy, or other use by the public, to which the public customarily has access, but does not include any private residence.

(3) "Qualifying vehicle" a paratransit vehicle, a taxi, a private car service vehicle, a ride-sharing vehicle, or any other for-hire vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all businesses, organizations, and non-profit entities within the City of Wausau are encouraged to post notice requiring employees, customers, visitors, members, or members of the public to wear a face covering whenever those persons are in a building open to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Health and Safety Committee shall entertain a discussion in conjunction with this Resolution, relating to education on mask-wearing, and available resources and access to masks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon expiration of Governor's Emergency Order #1, expiring November 21, 2020, and shall remain in effect until January 31, 2021, or terminated earlier by the Common Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any ordinance, resolution or City policy in conflict with the above Resolution shall be superseded by this Resolution.

Approved:

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor