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City of Walterboro and Colleton County Pass Emergency Ordinance Requiring Face Coverings or Masks Be Worn in Public

Due to the continuing rise in COVID-19 cases, Walterboro City Council and Colleton County Council held an Emergency Joint Council Meeting on Monday, June 29th and passed Emergency Ordinances requiring face coverings or masks be worn in public places and public buildings. The ordinances will be effective beginning Wednesday, July 1st at 6:00 AM in the City of Walterboro and unincorporated Colleton County.

Ordinance # 2020-06

1. All persons entering a commercial establishment in the City and unincorporated Colleton County must wear a face covering while inside the establishment. This paragraph does not apply to religious establishments. However, the use of face coverings is recommended during religious activities as well.
2. All restaurants, retail stores, salons, barber shops, grocery stores, and pharmacies in the City and unincorporated Colleton County must require their employees to wear a face covering at all times while having face to face interaction with the public.
3. Any person who is unable to safely wear a face covering due to age, an underlying health condition, or is unable to remove the face covering without the assistance of others is exempt from this Ordinance.
4. Face coverings are not required in the following circumstances:
 - a. In personal vehicles.
 - b. When a person is alone in enclosed spaces; during outdoor physical activity, provided the active person maintains a minimum of six (6) feet from other people at all times.
 - c. When a person is alone or only with other household members.
 - d. While actively drinking, eating, or smoking.
 - e. When wearing a face covering causes or aggravates a health condition.
 - f. When wearing a face covering would prevent the receipt of personal services.
5. A person who fails to comply with Paragraph 1 of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).
6. A person who fails to comply with Paragraph 2 of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than One-hundred Dollars (\$100.00).