
Resolution 2020-6

City of Rugby, North Dakota

FACE COVERING MANDATE – COVID-19

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2020, the Rugby City Council approved Resolution 2020-1 Adoption of the Pandemic Illness Plan, relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, the City of Rugby recognized the sacrifice that residents and business owners (to include employees and other workers) have made and continue to make to help fight COVID-19. Unfortunately the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to rise, in the community, state and globally.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND MANDATED:

Article I. Definitions – For purposes of this resolution, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. “Face covering” shall mean a paper or two –layered cloth face mask that covers the nose and mouth completely, and includes a paper or disposable face mask or a religious face covering.
- b. “Social distancing” means individuals keeping at least six (6) feet of distance from other individuals who are not members of their household.
- c. “Household” means a group of individuals who share the same living unit.

Article II. COVID-19 Face Covering Mandate. – Every person shall, within the City of Rugby, be mandated to wear a face covering over the mouth and nose in all indoor environments where they are exposed to non-household members and where social distancing of six (6) feet or more cannot be maintained and in all outdoor settings where there is exposure to non-household members, unless social distancing of six (6) feet or more can be maintained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following shall be exempt from the resolution to encourage wearing a face covering:

- a. Persons actively consuming food or drink;
- b. Persons with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- c. Persons younger than school age, although parents and guardians are encouraged to have such younger children wear face coverings when appropriate;
- d. Persons driving a motor vehicle alone or with passengers from the driver’s household;
- e. Persons participating in athletic activities where a six (6) feet distance is not achievable, but a mask is inhibitory to the activity;

- f. Persons receiving services that require access to the face for security, surveillance, or other purposes may temporarily remove a face covering while receiving those services;
- g. Persons engaged in religious worship activities; however, face coverings are strongly encouraged;
- h. Persons performing job duties where a six (6) feet distance is not achievable, but a mask is inhibitory to the ability to safely and effectively perform the job duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall not prohibit law enforcement officers or local officials from enforcing trespass laws or other applicable laws in removing individuals at the request of business or other property owners;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that even though this resolution is being issued with the strongest urging, there is no penalty for non-compliance with this resolution;


THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect for a period of 60 days, from the date of the adoption of this resolution, unless extended or earlier terminated, at a city council meeting, prior to expiration.

Adopted by the Rugby City Council on the 2nd day of November, 2020.

CITY OF RUGBY


Susan Steinke, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Stewart, City Auditor

Date: 11/3/2020



The governing body of the City of Rugby acted on the foregoing resolution at the November 2, 2020 Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers in Rugby, North Dakota. The motion for adoption was made by Lunde and seconded by Bednarz, and the roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Lunde, Bednarz, LaRocque and Trottier

Nay: Albrecht, Kraft, Berg and Longie

Absent: none

The tie vote resulted in Mayor Steinke voting “aye” – motion carried.