



## PROCLAMATION 04-30-2021 (A)

### A PROCLAMATION REPEALING THE EMERGENCY MEASURES ENACTED BY PROCLAMATION 07-20-2020 (A) AND EXTENDED THROUGH PROCLAMATION 09- 08-2020 (A)

**WHEREAS**, the United States continues to experience an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus-2019 (also known as “COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic and which declaration is still in effect today; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of Oklahoma declared a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic and which declaration (as amended) is still in effect today; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), the nation’s health care agency, has emphasized the COVID-19 risk to individuals is dependent on exposure, and transmission is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or otherwise expels such droplets; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 remains present, extremely contagious, and potentially deadly within the City of The Village and the greater Oklahoma City metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a significant decline in positive COVID-19 tests, hospitalizations, and cases since mid-February; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) has authorized the emergency use of several vaccines that have been proven to be safe and effective at minimizing the risk of infection from COVID-19, which a growing and significant number of persons locally, regionally, and nationally have received; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC and OCCHD continue to strongly recommend the wearing of face coverings (masks) over the nose and mouth as a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19 that could reduce the spread of the disease, particularly when used universally within communities; and



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**WHEREAS**, the continuing occurrence and threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and economic fallout from COVID-19, including severe economic damage to the City, region, and the State of Oklahoma, which can result from COVID-19 still advises caution and suggests the wearing of face coverings over the nose and face whenever persons are in any indoor place or setting open to the general public, in order to help avert such danger or damage and to protect the public health; and

**WHEREAS**, based on information from local healthcare providers and public health experts, the City had previously enacted a face covering mandate through Proclamations 07-20-2020(A) and 09-08-2020(A); and

**WHEREAS**, with the decrease in cases, hospitalizations, and positive tests in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, several local municipalities have repealed their mask regulations or are allowing them to expire in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of The Village finds it is appropriate to withdraw the face covering mandates originally enacted in Proclamation 07-20-2020(A) and extended through Proclamation 09-08-2020(A), which had been enacted pursuant to the provisions and emergency powers granted by Chapter 8 of The Village City Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY CITY CHARTER, CITY ORDINANCE, AND STATE LAW, THE MAYOR THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE:** Effective at 12:00 A.M. on May 1, 2021, the requirements to wear face coverings when entering and while inside any indoor place open to the public, which had been enacted pursuant to Proclamation 07-20-2020(A) and extended pursuant to Proclamation 09-08-2020(A), are hereby repealed and no longer in effect.

**SECTION TWO:** Despite the repeal of the mandate to wear face coverings, it is still strongly encouraged that the public continue to wear face coverings in situations where CDC and OCCHD guidance indicate wearing face coverings would be useful in preventing transmission of COVID-19.



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**SECTION THREE:** Nothing in this Proclamation shall prohibit private property owners or business owners from requiring the wearing of face coverings to enter their property or places of business.

**SECTION FOUR:** The City Manager of the City of The Village shall have the authority and discretion to continue to require the wearing of face coverings in City-owned buildings and facilities and at public meetings of the City Council, City boards and commissions, and City-beneficiary public trusts.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE, OKLAHOMA, this  
30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.**

  
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**DAVID BENNETT, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk