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MAYOR

CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM NINTH AMENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY REDUCING THE 20 FOOT DISTANCE REQUIREMENT IN THE FACE COVERING EXEMPTION RELATING TO SPEECHES, PERFORMANCES, AND BROADCASTS TO TEN (10) FEET

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a disease spreading across the globe causing flu-like symptoms, but with a significantly higher rate of death, particularly among those who are elderly or medically vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared COVID-19 to be a public health emergency in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, in order to address and mitigate the threat of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Carolina, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the undersigned declared a state of emergency in the City of Winston-Salem (“Declaration”) due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, after consulting with local health care officials about the impact of COVID-19 on the Winston-Salem community, issued an Amended Declaration

referred to as a Stay-At-Home Order on March 25, 2020, which became effective on March 27, 2020, at 5:00p.m; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, after consulting with local health care officials about the continued need to slow the spread of COVID-19, issued a Second Amended Declaration extending the Stay-At-Home Order until May 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued a Third Amended Declaration on April 29, 2020 rescinding the Stay-At-Home Order; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued a Fourth Amended Declaration on July 16, 2020 implementing a mask requirement for city facilities; and

WHEREAS, undersigned issued a Fifth Amended Declaration on November 24, 2020 emphasizing enforcement of the Governor's mask requirements and capacity limits;

WHEREAS, in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of North Carolina, Governor Cooper has issued a series of Executive Orders including 116-122, 124-125, 129-131, 133-136, 138-144, 146-153, 155-157, 161-165, 169-173, and 176-177; 180-181, 183-185, 188-193, 195, 197-198, 200, 204-207, 209-212 and 215; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are now widely available at no cost to all eligible North Carolinians who wish to receive one, and all eligible individuals are encouraged to get vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") issued new Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 215 on May 14, 2021, effective May 24, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., lifting the face covering requirements in most settings and lifting the capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements in all settings; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, based upon recommendations of the CDC, lifted the face covering requirements for City owned and leased buildings and issued a Sixth Amended Declaration on May 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recently issued guidance advising that the Delta variant is very contagious and that face coverings should be worn indoors, regardless of one's vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued the Seventh Amended Declaration on July 30, 2021 requiring face coverings to be worn indoors, regardless of vaccination status, in all City owned and leased facilities; and

WHEREAS, Winston-Salem has seen a significant increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, after consulting with the local medical community, finds it necessary to institute a City-wide face covering requirement, regardless of one's vaccination status, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and its variants; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued a City-wide face covering requirement on August 16, 2021, effective August 20, 2021 at 5: 30p.m; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, after consulting with the local medical community, including Joshua Swift, the Forsyth County Public Health Director, and Dr. Christopher Ohl, an Infectious Disease Specialist, I have determined that it would be appropriate to modify the exemption relating to speeches, performances, and broadcasts by reducing the distance requirement from twenty (20) feet to ten (10) feet.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem under N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.31 and Chapter 18 (formerly Chapter 38) of the Winston-Salem Code of Ordinances, I hereby declare and proclaim the following:

Section 1. Reaffirmation. The Declaration of a State of Emergency issued on March 13, 2020, the Seventh Amended Declaration issued on July 30, 2021 and the Eighth Amended Declaration issued on August 16, 2021 are hereby reaffirmed, and will continue until rescinded, within the jurisdiction of the City of Winston-Salem.

Section 2. Modification of twenty (20) foot distance requirement for the exemption relating to speeches, performances, and broadcasts. The aforementioned exemption contained in the Eighth Amended Declaration is hereby modified to read as follows:

- When giving a speech or performance or a broadcast, or to an audience, where they maintain a distance of at least 10 feet from the audience.

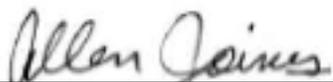
Except as modified herein, all other exemptions set forth in the Eighth Amended Declaration apply and the Eighth Amended Declaration remains in full force and effect.

Section 3. Applicability. This Ninth Amended Declaration shall apply within the city limits of the City of Winston-Salem.

Section 4. Distribution. I, hereby, order this Ninth Amended Declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be posted on the City's website; (c) to be filed with the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk; and (d) to be distributed to others, as necessary, to ensure proper implementation of this Ninth Amended Declaration.

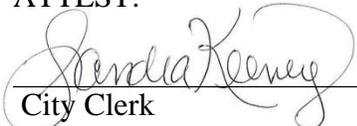
Section 5. Effective Date and Time. This Ninth Amended Declaration shall take effect Friday, August 20, 2021 at 5:30p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED, this, the 20th day of August 2021.



Mayor, City of Winston-Salem

ATTEST:



City Clerk

