

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2022

Terminating the Requirement for the Wearing of
Facial Coverings and Declaring an Emergency.

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2021 Council adopted Ordinance 45-2021 to require the wearing of face coverings in the City of Worthington to slow the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 45-2021 provided that the face covering requirements would only remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022 unless extended, modified, or earlier terminated by City Council; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has recommended that the City of Worthington terminate the face covering requirements on March 7, 2022 based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance and the current COVID-19 Community Level; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that based on the recommendation from Columbus Public Health that it is in the best interest of the City of Worthington to waive notice of public hearing, to waive the twenty-one day waiting period, and to declare an emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 45-2021 is hereby repealed in its entirety effective 12:01 a.m. on March 10, 2022.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Municipality based on the recommendation from Columbus Public Health and to be effective immediately upon its passage and publication. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 3. That the waiver of notice of public hearing, the waiver of the waiting period, the declaration of immediate effectiveness, and the adoption of this Ordinance was passed by a six-sevenths vote of the members of Council in accordance with the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed March 7, 2022

/s/ David Robinson
President of Council

Attest

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

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P.H. March 7, 2022
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