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TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT

RULE REQUIRING WEARING FACE COVERINGS INDOORS IN PUBLIC SPACES

Section 1. Authority.
This Rule is adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Richmond under authority of Act 1, an act relating to temporary municipal rules in response to COVID-19 (2021).

Section 2. Purpose.
The purpose of this Rule is to require all individuals to wear face coverings while indoors at locations that are open to the public in order to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public health and safety of the Town of Richmond.

Section 3. Requirement to Wear Face Coverings.
All individuals in the Town of Richmond shall wear face coverings while indoors at locations that are open to the public.

Section 4. Exceptions.
Face coverings are not required for:

- Children under 2 years
- A person with a disability who cannot wear a face covering or cannot safely wear a face covering for reasons related to the disability
- A person for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the workplace risk assessment
- Any person while eating or drinking inside any establishment that serves food or beverage

Section 5. Other Laws.
This Rule is in addition to all other ordinances and rules of the Town of Richmond and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont. All ordinances, rules, or parts of ordinances, rules, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this Rule are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. Severability.
If any section or provision of this Rule is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this Rule.

Section 7. Effective Period.
This Rule shall take effect immediately upon the approval by the Selectboard and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed 30 days following its initial adoption. The Selectboard shall

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meet during the 30-day period in which this Rule is in effect and vote either to rescind this Rule or to extend it for an additional 30 days. Thereafter, the Selectboard shall meet at a minimum once every 30 days to reconsider this Rule, at which meeting the Selectboard shall vote either to rescind this Rule or to extend it for an additional 30-day period. The filing of a petition under 24 V.S.A. §§ 1972 and 1973, shall not govern the taking effect of this Rule.

ADOPTED by the Selectboard of the Town of Richmond at its meeting on this 18th day of January, 2022.

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