

RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF FACE COVERINGS WITHIN TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS, BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND

WHEREAS, Consistent with health care measures recommended by the Vermont Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Vermont Governor’s Stay Home, Stay Safe Emergency Orders, including Addendum 14 issued on May 15, 2020, which provides authorization for the legislative body of each municipality to enact more strict local requirements regarding mask use, and the Selectboard desires to encourage measures that promote the public health safety and welfare of its citizens to further the goal of slowing the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Selectboard recognizes the potentially disastrous effects COVID-19 could have on its citizens were businesses and citizens not to follow the responsible, common sense, and creative measures to conduct business in a manner consistent with CDC and Vermont Department of Health social distancing guidelines and face covering guidance; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Richmond have demonstrated that they support taking all precautions to slow the spread of Covid-19 and their cooperation with State and CDC guidelines has been essential to “flattening the curve” so far, thus assuring our health care facilities have not been overwhelmed by the spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, as the State of Vermont begins to slowly resume opening businesses and public spaces, the Selectboard recognizes wearing a face covering is an important act we can do in an effort to protect others from an infection that we may not even know we have; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any member of the public entering a Town owned building must wear a face covering or respirator that covers at least their mouth and nose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is strongly encouraged that all Town businesses and non-profits post entrances with signage requiring the use of face masks and have a policy that requires all members of the public entering their establishment to wear a face covering or respirator that covers at least their mouth and nose.

THIS RESOLUTION is intended as guidance for the health of the citizens of Richmond. Businesses will use their own discretion in regards to the policies they have in place and how they are enforced. Concerned citizens should work with the businesses' owners/managers to support this resolution. This resolution is non-binding and is not enforceable by law enforcement officers.

Dated at Richmond, Vermont this ____ day of _____, 2020, effective upon passage.

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