

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON SUSPENDING THE  
REQUIREMENT THAT INDIVIDUALS WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL  
ESTABLISHMENTS**

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that the COVID-19 virus presents a public health concern that has required extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, these matters have taken many forms across the nation including travel bans, school closures, individual quarantines, and cancellation of major events, among other measures; and

WHEREAS, Section §5-7-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws empowers Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, or safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2021, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order NO. 2021-12, which removed mandatory face covering requirements in restaurants and government buildings; AND

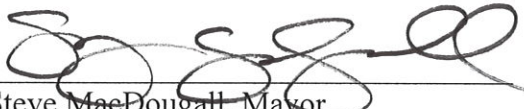
WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the Lexington Town Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this emergency ordinance in order to suspend enforcement of the previously adopted Town of Lexington ordinance requiring face coverings in retail establishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lexington, by emergency procedure, that:

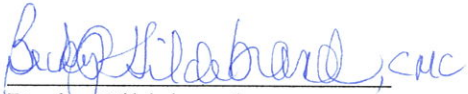
1. The Town of Lexington hereby suspends enforcement of its face covering ordinance adopted on December 21, 2020, and expresses its intent to repeal the ordinance indefinitely through its ordinary procedure for adoption and repeal of ordinances.
2. The Town Council continues to urge residents to comply with Covid-19 recommendations issued by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Governor's Office.
3. The Town Administrator is authorized to develop and enact plans in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the changing COVID-19 situation.

4. This emergency ordinance shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on the 61<sup>st</sup> day after enactment of this ordinance, whichever date is earlier.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED THIS 5th DAY OF March, 2021.

  
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Steve MacDougall, Mayor  
Town of Lexington

Attest:



Becky Hildebrand  
Town Clerk

March 5, 2021, 2021  
Lexington, SC

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

Final Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021