

CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2020-55

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO SEEK APPROVAL
AND IMPLEMENT AN ORDER REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS
IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACES IN THE CITY OF LARAMIE

Whereas, the spread of COVID-19 remains a serious health threat to people in Laramie, and face coverings in public enclosed spaces are one of the most effective measures to prevent further spread of the virus; and

Whereas, further spread of the virus in Laramie will not only have severe consequences on the public health but, if unmitigated, will cause continued, severe economic damage to the businesses and people working in Laramie ; and

Whereas, across the country municipalities, counties and states have recognized the necessity of, and implemented requirements for, face coverings in public spaces, and in Laramie the University of Wyoming is requiring face coverings for all of its employees and students on all University of Wyoming property; and

Whereas, the Governor of Wyoming, the State Public Health Officer, and the Surgeon General of the United States encourage a widespread use of face coverings; and

Whereas, the City Council supports an order through Albany County and the State of Wyoming requiring face coverings in public enclosed spaces, to exercise their powers to protect the residents and businesses of Laramie,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council resolves:

1. The Albany County Health authorities are hereby respectfully requested to expeditiously seek all necessary authority for, and then issue, an order requiring face coverings at least within the city limits of Laramie in enclosed public spaces, subject to such exceptions as are necessary for people to conduct their business. Council of course defers to the County Health authorities about the specific situations face coverings would not be required in enclosed public spaces, and suggests they could include, but not be limited to young children and individuals with medical conditions, exercising in gyms, being served food and drink, in individual work spaces, or performing duties as public safety/law enforcement personnel. The intent of this request is to seek an order that expires once all COVID-19 state health orders expire.

2. City staff shall immediately transmit this resolution to the Albany County Health authorities and assist those authorities in implementing the intent of this resolution including, but not limited to, assistance in drafting documents, seeking grant or other outside funds for its implementation, and reaching agreement about protocols for enforcement.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th day of July 2020.

Joe Shumway
Mayor and President of Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk