



BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG
Mayor
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

POLICY REGARDING WEARING FACIAL COVERINGS

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed by the Governor of Maryland on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Bernard "Jack" Young, Mayor of Baltimore City, declared a State of Emergency for Baltimore City due to the spread of COVID-19 in the City;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed throughout Maryland;

WHEREAS, the effects of COVID-19 require that City officials be vigilant in advising the citizens of measures they can take to protect health, safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advises that social distancing is the most effective way of slowing the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the CDC recommended that persons wear masks, including cloth masks or other facial coverings, in situations where it is difficult to attain social distancing, in order to help control the spread of COVID-19 and

WHEREAS, COVID-19/novel Coronavirus poses a health risk for Baltimore City residents, particularly elderly residents and those who are immunosuppressed or otherwise have high-risk medical conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Bernard "Jack" Young, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, do declare that the City endorses the recommendations of the CDC and advises all Citizens of Baltimore City to wear cloth masks or other facial coverings, as defined by the CDC, when out in the community and especially when social distancing measures are not possible and I do hereby declare the following:

BE IT DECLARED that it is the policy of the City to

1. endorse the wearing of cloth masks or other facial coverings as much as possible;
2. be especially mindful of wearing masks when entering grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies and retail food stores or other essential businesses and to wear masks when you interact with delivery personnel from all essential commercial businesses;
3. advise public and private employers to develop internal policies regarding face coverings that promote the health and safety of their employees when in the workplace;
4. continue this policy until the Governor terminates the state of emergency and the catastrophic health emergency or until after the rescission of Executive Order 20-03-30-01 (Stay At Home Order).

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE
HEREUNTO PLACED MY HAND
AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE
CITY OF BALTIMORE
THIS 15th DAY OF April, 2020

ATTEST:

CUSTODIAN OF THE CITY SEAL

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG,
MAYOR
CITY OF BALTIMORE

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY BY THE BALTIMORE CITY LAW DEPARTMENT

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ACTING CITY SOLICITOR