

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0505

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE –USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 is higher for individuals who are 60 or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and slow transmission of the virus; and

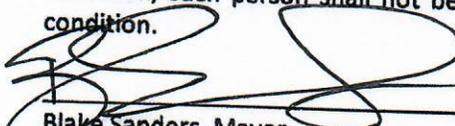
WHEREAS, public health experts have determined that it is possible to transmit COVID-19 even before a person shows symptoms; and

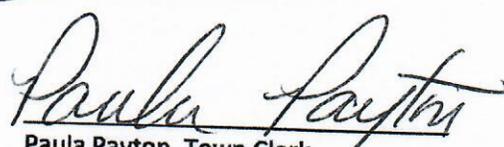
WHEREAS, public health experts have determined that wearing a cloth face covering may prevent transmission by an infected person; and

WHEREAS, there exists a compelling interest, in order to limit the transmission of COVID-19, in recommending the use of appropriate personal protective equipment in public places and where the risk of transmission is higher; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of West Pelzer hereby recommends that residents, businesses, employees, and visitors:

CLOTH FACE COVERINGS OR HIGHER LEVEL OF PROTECTION RECOMMENDED IN PUBLIC WHEREEVER CLOSE CONTACT IS UNAVOIDABLE. The Town of West Pelzer recommends that any person in a public place who is unable to or does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face-covering. In addition, individuals should use a mask or cloth face covering when using or providing the services of any businesses within municipal limits. Nothing in this resolution shall require the use of a mask or cloth face covering by anyone; if a person declines to wear a mask or face covering because of a medical condition, such person shall not be required to produce medical documentation verifying the stated condition.


Blake Sanders, Mayor


Paula Payton, Town Clerk