

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 66
BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I declared a civil emergency in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, and both the COVID-19 pandemic and civil emergency remain ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recently updated its interim recommendations for people vaccinated for COVID-19 so as to make wearing a face mask optional for most fully vaccinated individuals, except in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that the COVID-19 mitigation measures required in buildings and indoor spaces owned, managed, operated, or leased by the City of Knoxville (“City”) should be modified to reflect these interim recommendations by allowing persons who are fully vaccinated to voluntarily choose—based on their individual medical conditions and in consultation with their health care provider, as appropriate—whether to continue wearing face masks in City buildings and indoor spaces, except in certain mandatory circumstances; and

WHEREAS, these temporary modifications are consistent with Executive Order No. 77 issued by the Governor of the State of Tennessee on February 26, 2021, as most recently amended and extended by Executive Order No. 80 on April 27, 2021, affirming the authority of local governmental entities to act in a proprietary capacity, including, but not limited to, with respect to the opening or closure of governmental buildings, employee measures, or government operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, INDYA KINCANNON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 38-9-101 *et seq.* and 58-2-110 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 303(M) of the Charter of the City of Knoxville, and Sections 9-1, 9-5, and 9-6 of the Knoxville City Code, and pursuant to the Proclamation of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020, as extended, **HEREBY DIRECT AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:**

1. **Supersession.** This Order supersedes Emergency Executive Order No. 19 dated June 19, 2020.
2. **Face Mask Defined.** “Face mask” means a mask that covers the nose and mouth to impede the spread of saliva or other fluids during speaking, coughing, sneezing, or other intentional or involuntary action; fits snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the side of the face; and is in accordance with current CDC guidance.
3. **Face Mask Use.** All persons entering a building or indoor space owned, managed, operated, or leased by the City shall wear a face mask consistent with current CDC guidance. Once a person has entered the building or indoor space, the person shall continue to wear the face mask while in the building or indoor space consistent with current CDC

guidance. Should the person remove their face mask while in the building or indoor space in a manner inconsistent with current CDC guidance, such person may be asked to leave.

Persons required to wear a face mask pursuant to current CDC guidance who wish to request a reasonable accommodation or modification to such requirement may make such request to the security officer, facility manager, front desk attendant, or other designated person at the entrance of the building or indoor space. The person receiving such a request shall notify the appropriate official(s) for the building or indoor space. The appropriate official(s) shall consider the request and permit entry to the building or indoor space when required by applicable law.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Order prohibits any person from wearing a face mask in lawful circumstances beyond those required by current CDC guidance.

4. **Signage Required.** Signage consistent with this Order shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at every entrance to every building or indoor space owned, managed, operated, or leased by the City.
5. **Effectiveness.** This Order shall take effect immediately and all provisions shall remain in effect until modified, superseded, or rescinded.

ORDERED, EFFECTIVE, AND ISSUED:


INDYA KINCANNON
Mayor, City of Knoxville

Date: May 18, 2021