



**CITY OF LANSING**  
*Council Chambers*  
800 1st Terrace  
Lansing, KS 66043

**COUNCIL AGENDA**  
*Special Meeting*  
**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**WELCOME TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Any person wishing to address the City Council, simply proceed to the microphone in front of the dais after the agenda item has been introduced and wait to be recognized by the Mayor. When called upon, please begin by stating your name and address. A time designated "Audience Participation" is listed on the agenda for any matter that does not appear on this agenda. The Mayor will call for audience participation. Please be aware that the city council and staff may not have had advance notice of your topic and that the city council may not be able to provide a decision at the meeting. If you require any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk prior to the meeting.

- ***In order to adhere to social distancing and limiting large gatherings of people to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Lansing City Council Special Meeting will not be open to the public. In accordance with Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), the meeting can be viewed live via YouTube at [www.lansingks.org/live](http://www.lansingks.org/live) and will be available for viewing on Spectrum Cable Channel 2 the following day.***
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  - ***Submit your comments or question to [cityclerk@lansingks.org](mailto:cityclerk@lansingks.org) no later than 6:00 pm on March 22, 2021.***

***Call To Order***

***Roll Call***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Council Consideration of Agenda Items:***

1. Ordinance No. 1056 – Face Mask Ordinance

***Adjournment***

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# AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Mayor; Lansing City Council  
FROM: Tim Vandall, City Administrator  
DATE: March 19, 2021  
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1056

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Explanation: Ordinance No. 1056 would require the wearing of masks in public within Lansing from April 1 through April 30 unless repealed early by the Governing Body. There are several exemptions, located in Section 8-602, Section C. For instance, those with health issues are not required to wear masks if the covering is a hindrance to their health. When eating at restaurants, masks can be removed. If the wearing of a mask could cause an undue safety hazard at a job, the mask can be removed. Organized sports activities must abide by KSHSAA guidelines on face coverings.

The City is offering Lansing businesses free disposable masks, so please get the word out to anyone who may be interested.

The City's goal with this ordinance is to increase mask usage to stem the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Chief Wayman has asked each officer to check in to two businesses each shift to ensure compliance.

Financial Considerations: None.

Policy Considerations: Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-68 authorizes cities and counties to take this step to stem the spread of the pandemic. This authority is granted to Governor Kelly via K.S.A. 48-924 and K.S.A. 48-925, which outlines the Governor's authority in times of disaster and emergency.

Action Options: Approval of Ordinance No. 1056  
Denial of Ordinance No. 1056

*(Summary Published in the Leavenworth Times on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021)*

**ORDINANCE NO. 1056**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING NEW ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 8 HEALTH AND WELFARE AND SECTIONS 8-601 THRU 8-604, REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR MASKS OR OTHER FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO REQUIRE ALL EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS, VISITORS, MEMBERS, OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO WEAR A MASK OR OTHER FACE COVERING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES THEREFORE.**

**WHEREAS**, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of the State of Kansas is the City of Lansing's top priority;

**WHEREAS**, Kansas is facing a crisis-the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19-resulting in illness, death, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of business resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act");

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50, U.S.C. 1601 et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of that worrying spike, on July 2, 2020, Governor Kelly issued Executive Order 20-52 ("Requiring masks or other face coverings in public") but in spite of the deadly and urgent public health threat presented by the spike in COVID-19 cases, many counties exercised their temporary authority under K.S.A. 48-925(h) to "opt out" of statewide public health executive orders to top out of Executive Order 20-52;

**WHEREAS**, wearing a face covering in public is the easiest and most effective way to protect each other, ease the burden on our overburdened healthcare system, and help keep our businesses open and our economy running;

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control has determined that even increasing universal masking by 15% could prevent the need for restrictions on businesses and gatherings and could avoid severe economic losses;

**WHEREAS**, wearing a face covering in public is not only safe and easy, it is necessary to avoid more restrictive local measures that could involve closing businesses, schools, organized youth sports, and other important activities;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas and City of Lansing must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of the unprecedented health emergency posed by COVID-19, while also simultaneously safely and strategically operating businesses and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization;

**WHEREAS**, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of our responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of Lansing, increasing the wearing of face coverings is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of our population

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Kansas has previously issued Executive Order No. 20-52 requiring individuals to wear masks or other face coverings in public, but the terms of such Executive Order are not, at this time, effective as to or enforceable within Leavenworth County, Kansas, pursuant to action taken by the Leavenworth County Commission under K.S.A. 48-925, as amended by Section 33 of 2020 Kansas Special Session House Bill No. 2016.

**WHEREAS**, for the aforementioned and other reasons, the governing body of the City of Lansing is acting pursuant to its constitutional home rule authority to provide for the health, safety, welfare and economic well-being of residents and visitors of the City of Lansing, by requiring that masks or other face coverings be worn as described in this ordinance; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LANSING, KANSAS:**

**Section 1.** That a new Article VI Miscellaneous Provisions to Chapter 8 Health and Welfare of the Code of the City of Lansing, Kansas, with new Sections 8-601 through 8-604, is hereby established to read as follows:

**Sec. 8-601. Mask or other face coverings; definitions.** The following words or phrases when used in this article shall have the following meanings:

*Mask or other face covering* means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is simply wrapped around the lower face. A mask or other face covering can be made of a variety of synthetic and natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen, and may include a plastic face shield. Ideally, a mask or other face covering has two or more layers. A mask or other face covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

*Public space* means any indoor or outdoor space or area that is open to the public; this does not include private residential property or private offices or workspaces that are not open to customers or public visitors; Except for those businesses who voluntarily restrict customer access to appointment only.

**Sec. 8-602. Mask or other face coverings; when required; exemptions.**

- A. All persons in the city shall cover their mouths and noses with masks or other face coverings when they are in the following situations:
  - 1. Inside, or in line to enter, any indoor public space;
  - 2. Obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings, including but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank, unless directed otherwise by an employee thereof or a health care provider;
  - 3. While riding in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle; or,
  - 4. While outdoors in public spaces and unable to maintain a 6-foot distance between individuals (not including individuals who reside together) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
  
- B. The persons responsible for all businesses or organizations in the city must require all employees, customers, visitors, members, or members of the public to wear a mask or other face covering as follows:
  - 1. Employees, when working in any space visited by customers during business hours of operation or members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
  - 2. Employees, when working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
  - 3. Employees, when working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
  - 4. Customers, members, visitors, or members of the public, when in a facility managed by the business or organization; or
  - 5. Employees, when in any room or enclosed area where other people (except for individuals who reside together) are present and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
  
- C. The following individuals are exempt from wearing masks or other face coverings in the situations described in subsections A and B:
  - 1. Persons age five years or under—children age two years and under in particular should not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation;
  - 2. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering—this includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance; provided, that the foregoing exemption shall not apply to the extent such a person is capable of wearing a mask or face covering (such as a plastic face shield) that does not impair such medical condition, mental health condition, or disability;
  - 3. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, or communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication; provided, that the foregoing exemption shall not apply to the extent such a person is capable of wearing a mask or face covering (such as a plastic face shield) that does not inhibit such communication;

4. Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines;
5. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;
6. Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking may sit at the table without their masks. If not at the table, mask must be put back on.
7. Athletes who are engaged in an organized sports activity that allows athletes to maintain a 6-foot distance from other athletes with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity; activities sanctioned by KSHSAA shall abide by KSHSAA guidelines on masks and face coverings
8. Persons who are engaged in an activity that a professional or recreational association, regulatory entity, medical association, or other public-health-oriented entity has determined cannot be safely conducted while wearing a mask or other face covering;
9. Persons engaged in public safety, first responder, fire, public health, or other medication operations or services where the wearing of a mask is not practicable under the given circumstances; and,
10. Persons engaged in any lawful activity during which wearing a mask or other face covering is prohibited by law.

D. It shall be an affirmative defense to any prosecution under subsection A or B that the person in violation is an individual listed under subsection C.

**Sec. 8-603. Mask or other face coverings; penalties; enforcement.**

- A. A violation of any provision of Section 8-602 shall be punished as follows:
1. For a first conviction, the person shall be punished with a fine of \$5 with court costs set \$20.
  2. For a second conviction, the person shall be punished with a fine of \$10 with court costs set at \$30.
  3. For a third or subsequent conviction, the person shall be punished by a fine of \$20 with court costs set at \$40.
- B. The person responsible for any business or organization that intentionally and knowingly does not comply with Section 8-602 includes a sole proprietor, or any officer, partner, member, manager, director, or other supervisor for the business or organization, who may be held jointly and severally responsible for such violation with respect to any enforcement of the violation.

**Sec. 8-604. Mask or other face coverings; effective term.** The provisions of Section 8-601 through Section 8-603 of the city code shall remain in effect from 12:01 a.m. April 1, 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2021, unless repealed by ordinance of the governing body.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on the 23rd day of March, 2021.

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Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC, City Clerk