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Subject: Mask Mandate - Village of Oak Lawn
Attachments: Oak Lawn - Proclamation (expired).pdf

Ahmad,

I spoke with the Jane Quinlan, Village Clerk, regarding a mask mandate within the Village of Oak Lawn. She informed me that the village does not have a mask mandate currently in place. On March 13, a Mayoral Disaster Proclamation in response to COVID-19 was passed which pertained to the Village President's ability to exercise emergency powers; however, it only lasted a few days as a result of Governor Pritzker's executive order. They Mayor also issued a proclamation regarding COVID-19 which did reference face-coverings; however, it expired after seven days. I have attached the proclamation for reference.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the office of the Village President by Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6, and Section 2-9-13 of the Oak Lawn Village Code, I, Sandra Bury, President ("Mayor") of the Village of Oak Lawn ("Village") do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency and Disaster exists as of this date, April 20, 2020, and shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven (7) days except by or with the consent of the village board.

WHEREAS, this Declaration is due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois ("State"). State of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker issued a disaster declaration on March 9, 2020 due to the COVID-19 disease outbreak in the State and the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the COVID-19 disease outbreak a worldwide global pandemic. Furthermore, Governor Pritzker enacted a "Shelter in Place" Order effective March 21, 2020 at 5:00 PM CST until April 7, 2020, which Governor Pritzker extended on April 1, 2020 by Executive Order 2020-18 through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the "Shelter in Place" Order lays out three main directives: (1) shelter in place except for essential activities; (2) non-essential business and operations must cease; and (3) all gatherings of more than ten (10) people are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, to further protect Illinois residents, the "Shelter in Place" Order permits individuals to leave their home only to perform Essential Activities, Essential Government Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses and Operations, as defined in Executive Order 2020-10; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the directives outlined in the "Shelter in Place" Order, it is necessary to take measures to ensure that employees and visitors of Essential Businesses are able to carry out these functions effectively and safely, while maintaining social distancing of six (6) feet as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC"); and

WHEREAS, most recently, on April 3, 2020, the CDC issued a new recommendation to help slow the spread of COVID-19 which advised individuals to wear cloth face coverings in public settings as an additional, voluntary public health measure; and

WHEREAS, the number of suspected COVID-19 cases in Illinois is increasing exponentially and across more locations in Illinois, indicating that drastic social distancing measures are needed in order to reduce the number of people who become sick at any given time and the possibility of exhausting health care resources; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to immediately take measures to protect the public's health in public spaces in response to COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as the Mayor of the Village of Oak Lawn, and pursuant to Section 2-9-13 of the Village Code of Oak Lawn, Illinois, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the Village of Oak Lawn and order the following:

SECTION 1: The official policy of the Village of Oak Lawn is to direct and recommend all persons engaging in any activity outside of their place of residence while other people are present are required to wear face covering to include their nose and mouth made of any cloth or other material which is reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter or restrict the breath, sneeze, cough or other exhaling from one's nose and mouth, including but not limited to a non-medical grade mask, cloth or plastic mask, scarf, bandana or handkerchief. This declaration shall not apply to persons:

- a. Engaged in outdoor activity such as walking, running, biking or other solitary physical activity while at the same time practicing social or physical distancing of at least six feet from others;

- b. Riding alone in a personal vehicle;
- c. Who are alone or with household members in a separate single space;
- d. When doing so creates a greater health, safety or security risk to the individual or the public; and
- e. While drinking or eating.

SECTION 2: Medical-grade masks or N95 respirators are not recommended for general public use under this order and should be reserved for use by health care providers and first responders.

SECTION 3: Effective April 24, 2020 at 8:00 AM, all employees and visitors of any grocery store, pharmacy or drug store, convenience store, gas station, and all other essential businesses as defined in the Governor's Executive Order 2020-10 (collectively, the "Essential Businesses" and singularly, the "Essential Business") shall wear a face covering as recommended by the CDC, while on the premises.

SECTION 4: Essential Businesses and/or employers must provide, at their expense, such face coverings for all employees working in the establishment.

SECTION 5: All Essential Businesses are required to implement infection control practices, including but not limited to, regular hand washing, coughing and sneezing etiquette, and proper tissue usage and disposal.

SECTION 6: All Essential Businesses are required to provide sanitization materials, such as hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes to employees and visitors.

SECTION 7: All Essential Businesses are required to sanitize high-touch areas including restrooms, break rooms, equipment, and machinery.

SECTION 8: All Essential Businesses shall be required to enforce the 6-foot social distancing requirement.

SECTION 9: All Essential Businesses shall post notice, in a conspicuous place, the requirement for employees and visitors to wear a mask or cloth face covering while on the premises. Essential Businesses are required to enforce the Order with respect to its own employees. As for visitors on the premises, the notice shall make visitors aware that they are in violation of this order if they are not wearing a mask or cloth face covering.

SECTION 10: All Essential Businesses or operator may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter or restrict the passing of a person's breath, sneeze, cough or other exhaling from one's nose and mouth.

SECTION 11: If a visitor of an Essential Business refuses to leave the premises or comply with the Order to wear a mask or cloth face covering, the Essential Business shall notify the Village's Police Department. Persons not following this declaration may be issued a warning by the Village of Oak Lawn Police Department. Persons not following this declaration who previously received a warning from the Village of Oak Lawn Police Department may be issued a citation or arrested at the discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee.

SECTION 12: Nothing in the policy stated in this Executive Order shall prevent employees or visitors from wearing a surgical-grade mask or other more-protective face covering if the individual already possesses such equipment, or if the Essential Business is otherwise required to provide such employee with more-protective equipment due to the nature of the work involved.

SECTION 13: This declaration does not supplant or diminish the absolute need for all residents, employees and workers in Oak Lawn and all visitors to Oak Lawn, to practice social and physical distancing in all settings and with all ages. Social and Physical Distancing is still the first best and required practice to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS, the nature of the emergency is the spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Village of Oak Lawn and extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the Village Clerk as soon as practicable; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, SANDRA BURY, whose name is signed to this Declaration, being first duly sworn, signed and executed this Declaration of Local State of Emergency and Disaster, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Bury', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor, Village of Oak Lawn

Issued this 20th day of April, 2020