

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 20-040

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 5622, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE CITY'S FACE COVERING REQUIREMENT FOR BANKS, CREDIT UNIONS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lakeland, Florida has adopted a temporary emergency measure requiring the wearing of face coverings in certain indoor locations within the municipal limits of the City of Lakeland in order to slow the spread of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and has provided exceptions to such requirement in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is appropriate to provide an additional exemption to the requirement to wear a face covering in the City of Lakeland in order to allow banks, credit unions and other financial institutions to verify the identity of visitors and customers to their facilities both for security purposes and to facilitate the conduct of financial transactions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing findings are true and correct and are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Resolution No. 5622, as amended, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

SECTION 4. Exceptions.

Nothing herein shall require the wearing of face coverings by the following persons:

- a. Persons under the age of eight (8) years old;
- b. Persons observing social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines;
- c. Persons for whom a face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition;
- d. Persons working in a business or profession who do not have interactions with other persons;
- e. Persons working in a business or profession who maintain social distancing from other persons;
- f. Persons working in a business or profession where use of a face covering would prevent them from performing the duties of their business or profession;
- g. Persons exercising, while maintaining social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines;
- h. Persons eating or drinking;
- i. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) years old while participating in youth sports;
- j. Public safety, fire and other life safety and health care personnel, as their protective equipment requirements will be governed by their respective agencies;
- k. Persons communicating with someone who is hearing impaired where the wearing of a face covering would impede communication, provided that social distancing is observed to the greatest extent practicable;

I. Persons for whom the requirement to wear a face covering would cause a conflict with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

m. Persons requested by an authorized representative of a bank, credit union or other financial institution to remove their face covering so that the bank, credit union or other financial institution may verify the person's identity or otherwise ensure the security of the facility. Persons requested to remove a face covering pursuant to this paragraph shall reaffix the face covering in accordance with this Resolution upon completion of the identity check or security precautions performed by the bank, credit union or financial institution.

SECTION 3. Except as amended herein, Resolution No. 5622, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Any provision of this Resolution that conflicts with any State or Federal law or constitutional provision, or conflicts with or is superseded by a current or subsequently-issued executive order of the Governor or other authority, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed severable from this Resolution, with the remainder of this Resolution remaining in full force and effect.

PASSED AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this 21st day of September, A.D. 2020.

H. WILLIAM MUTZ, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
KELLY S. KOOS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: _____
PALMER C. DAVIS
CITY ATTORNEY