

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION REMOVING MASK REQUIREMENTS IN INDOOR AND OUTDOOR  
PUBLIC SPACES.

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2021 amended health orders for the City of Independence went into effect, which continued to require masks in public spaces; and,

WHEREAS, during the pandemic the State of Missouri has not issued any statewide mandates on the use of masks; and,

WHEREAS, the severity of COVID-19 cases continues to decrease, with approximately 34 new cases a day in Eastern Jackson County, Missouri compared to some of the higher averages of 299 cases during the winter months; and,

WHEREAS, scientists, public health experts, and doctors now have a better understanding of COVID-19 and effective treatment options for those who fall ill from the virus; and,

WHEREAS, at this time populations that are 16 years and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 29.45% of individuals in Eastern Jackson County are fully vaccinated; and,

WHEREAS, the Independence City Council deems that citizens and businesses shall use their full discretion when and if to wear masks, and allow citizens and businesses to be free to choose how to protect their lives and livelihoods regarding mask wearing and mask requirements:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of Independence, Missouri expresses its confidence in its citizens and businesses to use their discretion on the use of masks, and supports individual decision making for businesses to choose their preferred operating model.

SECTION 2. Existing health orders shall be amended to remove any mask requirements and shall go into effect upon approval of this item.

PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

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Presiding Officer of the City Council  
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

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City Manager