



City of Keene
New Hampshire

**PLANNING, LICENSES AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA
Council Chambers A
July 22, 2020
7:00 PM**

Kate M. Bosley, Chair
Mitchell H. Greenwald, Vice Chair
Philip M. Jones
Gladys Johnsen
Catherine Workman

1. Relating to the Wearing of Face Coverings
Ordinance O-2002-09

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Relating to Social Service and Congregate Care Uses and License
Ordinance O-2019-13
Ordinance O-2019-14
- B. Tad Schrantz/The Colonial Theatre Group – Various Licenses Needed for the Renovation and Addition to the Colonial Theatre
- C. Darren Humphrey/Trax Club – Request to Use City Property – Railroad Square and Use of Railroad Square - Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Director
- D. Let it Shine – Request for Use of City Property – Pumpkin Festival

Non Public Session
Adjournment

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City of Keene
New Hampshire

July 17, 2020

TO: File

FROM: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Ordinance for First Reading – O-2020-09: Relating to the Wearing of Face Coverings

At a regular meeting of the Keene City Council, held on July 16, 2020, the following motion was approved by unanimous vote:

That the City Council suspend Section 26 of the Rules of Order to introduce an Ordinance for first reading related to the wearing of face coverings.

Ordinance O-2020-09: Relating to the Wearing of Face Coverings was read for the first time by title only. The Ordinance was referred by the Chair to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Little". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Attest:".

City Clerk



CITY OF KEENE

Ordinance O-2020-09

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and

Relating to the Wearing of Face Coverings

AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City Code of the City of Keene, New Hampshire, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new Article VIII, "Wearing of Face Coverings," to Chapter 66, entitled "PUBLIC CONDUCT" as follows:

Section 66-170. Statement and Intent.

- a) COVID-19 has been determined to be a virulent infectious disease threatening the public health and welfare of the country, and including residents in the City of Keene; and
- b) Infectious diseases such as COVID-19 are caused by germs, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites; and
- c) Some diseases, including COVID-19, are transmitted from person to person very easily through respiratory droplets produced by sneezing and talking; and
- d) Public Health Officials have determined that it is possible for an infected individual to transmit certain diseases without exhibiting any symptoms; and
- e) The best means of slowing the spread of a virus is through minimizing close personal contact with individuals in a public environment, social distancing, covering the mouth and nose by wearing a face covering, and proper hand washing; and
- f) For optimal protection, the safe use of face coverings also requires the wearer to maintain proper hand hygiene by frequently handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer for at least twenty (20) seconds; and
- g) The wearer of the face covering can prevent the spread of disease by not touching the face, nose, or eyes with unwashed hands, not touching the outside of the face covering, and by keeping a distance of at least six feet between from others; and
- h) The City Council for the City of Keene desires to minimize the threat to public health posed by the spread of communicable disease such as COVID-19 within the community.

Section 66-171. Recommendations.

- a) Employees of businesses are encouraged to wear a face covering over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public and whenever they are within six (6) feet of a co-worker or a customer.
- b) Members of the public entering any business, including any outdoor area where business is conducted, work site, or government building, are encouraged to wear a face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana over their nose and mouth.
- c) Members of the public entering a restaurant for the purpose of picking up food for take-out or any other purpose are encouraged to wear a face covering over their mouth and nose.
- d) Residents, visitors, and members of the public entering or present at a commercial building complex of greater than two (2) units are encouraged to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth while in common areas.
- e) As used herein “face covering” means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable materials, without holes, that covers only the nose, mouth, and surrounding areas of the lower face. A face covering may be factory made or homemade and improvised from ordinary household materials.
- f) Notwithstanding the above, children under ten (10) years of age are not generally encouraged to wear a face covering, although parents should make their own judgment on such use. A face covering is not recommended for children two (2) years of age or less.
- g) A face covering is also not encouraged for any person who has been advised that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to the person for health related reasons.
- h) Business owners in the City of Keene are encouraged to take the #KeeneSafe business pledge to follow the New Hampshire and federal CDC guidelines to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19. Information about the Keene Safe Pledge may be obtained at www.keenesafe.com.

In City Council July 16, 2020.
Referred to the Planning, Licenses and
Development Committee.

George S. Hansel, Mayor


City Clerk