



CITY OF SAINT PAUL ALASKA

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 21-97

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS DURING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY UNVACCINATED COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul passed Emergency Ordinance 21-95: An Emergency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Saint Paul regarding Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island on May 12, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul moved its meeting from the City Council Chambers to the Rec Hall at the beginning of the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul desires to move back into the City Council Chambers to hold its meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the many of the City Council, City employees and members of the public are fully vaccinated; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC is recommending the use of face coverings by unvaccinated individuals to slow the spread of COVID-19; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL:

Section 1: Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Meeting of the City Council

- (a) During all meeting of the Council of the City of Saint Paul, all unvaccinated individuals must wear a cloth face covering at all times during meeting of the City Council where social distancing cannot be achieved or maintained. The restrictions set forth in the above paragraph shall not apply to an individual:
- (1) Under the age of five (5) years old;
 - (2) With a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that makes it unreasonable for the individual to maintain a face covering;

Section 2: Definitions

- (a) For the purposes of this Emergency Ordinance the following definitions shall apply:
- (1) “cloth face covering” means a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen. A cloth face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts or towels.

- (2) “fully vaccinated individual” means a person for whom it has been at least two weeks since receiving a) the second dose of a two-dose series; or b) a single dose of a Federal Drug Administration authorized vaccine.
- (3) “social distancing” means maintaining a distance of six feet or greater from any individuals with whom you do not currently reside.
- (4) “Unvaccinated individual” means anyone who is not a fully vaccinated individual above.

Section 3: Enforcement and Penalties

- (a) City council members that violate this Emergency Ordinance will subject to the council member complaint process as defined in CCO 2.15.220.
- (b) City employees that violate this Emergency Ordinance will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with City Personnel Policy Number 11.
- (c) Member of the public that violate this Emergency Ordinance shall be requested to wear a cloth facing covering or leave the City Council Chambers.
- (d) The Saint Paul Department of Public Safety may issue a citation for a Level III offense punishable in accordance with CCO 09.05.020 resulting in mandatory fines increasing in increments of \$50.00 up to the maximum of \$300.00 for violations under this Emergency Ordinance.

Section 4: Effective Date

- (a) This Emergency Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and remain in effect for 30 days pursuant to CCO 1.01 Code Adoption.

Section 5: Renewal

- (a) This Emergency Ordinance may be reauthorized or extended by the Council of the City of Saint Paul by an additional emergency ordinance adopted at a meeting held prior to its expiration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE 2021 BY ___ IN FAVOR ___ OPPOSED AND ___ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor

Monique Baker, City Clerk