

Publication Notice

Please take notice that the City of Oshkosh enacted ordinance #21-221 CREATE ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY on April 27, 2021. The Ordinance extends the already existing requirements for face coverings for anyone age five (5) years or older in buildings and other enclosed spaces when another person or persons not a member of the same household are present. The ordinance does not apply to other governmental entities including the school district, state and federal entities which may establish their own rules. The ordinance also recognizes that face coverings in or on public transportation including GO Transit, taxi cabs and ride share services are currently required for persons age two (2) years and older under federal order, but would apply to public transportation should that federal order terminate. The ordinance allows for a number of exceptions common with State and other municipal orders including while eating and drinking; when necessary to receive certain services, persons with chronic upper respiratory or other medical or other disabilities that may prevent or impair the person's ability to wear a mask; persons engaged in exercise and individual speakers or performers. The proposed ordinance anticipates soft enforcement, with owners of businesses not in compliance referred to the Health Department for education and individual enforcement limited to those refusing to leave if asked by a business or property owner being subject to citation for trespass or other applicable violations.

The ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication and terminates on May 31, 2021. The ordinance would automatically repeal should the County, State or Federal Government adopt regulations specifically repealing or invalidating the terms of this ordinance. Should the County, State or Federal Government adopt regulations not specifically repealing or invalidating local requirements, the ordinance would be superseded for the period of the County, State or Federal regulation then remain in effect until terminated on May 31, 2021 *or until 50% of Winnebago County Residents have completed the vaccine series as reported by the Winnebago County Health Department*, or as may be provided by further action of the Common Council.

The full text of the ordinance may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 Church Avenue and through the City's website at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us. Clerk's phone: 920/236-5011.

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