

COUNTY OF BARNWELL)
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

RESOLUTION 2020-07- 569(R)

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN
RETAIL, FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, COUNTY OWNED PUBLIC
BUILDINGS, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARSCo V-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 391 of the Public Health Service Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, which began on March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, also on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina (the "State") issued Executive Order 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State has subsequently declared a continued State of Emergency in Executive Orders 2020-15 (March 28), 2020-23 (April 12), 2020-29 (April 27), 2020-35 (May 12), 2020-38 (May 27), and 2020-40 (June 11); and

WHEREAS, the State is experiencing an increase in the number of identified new COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, the County of Barnwell is committed to providing a safe county for its citizens to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, health authorities, including the CDC, the Surgeon General of the United States, and DHEC have recommended the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Barnwell County Council that:

The Barnwell County Council, based on the recommendations of public health experts and responsive to a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, hereby

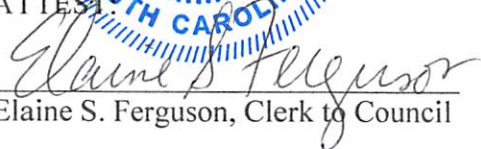
strongly encourages its residents, businesses, and visitors in the unincorporated areas of the county as follows:

1. Individuals should wear face coverings in all enclosed public spaces, including retail establishments, food service establishments and county government public buildings, when social distancing of 6 feet or more is not possible.
2. Individuals should practice social distancing, handwashing, and other safety measures as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
3. Retail establishments and food service establishments should require all employees in regular contact with the general public to wear face coverings when social distancing of 6 feet or more is not possible.
4. Retail establishments should sanitize common areas and/or objects regularly.

ADOPTED by the Barnwell County Council at its regular meeting held this 14th day of July, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voting.



ATTEST


Elaine S. Ferguson, Clerk to Council

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL


Ben Kinlaw, Chairman