

## RESOLUTION NO. 175-2020

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A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF  
PARMA TO WEAR FACE MASKS DUE TO THE CONTINUED  
SPREADING OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND  
COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can be easily spread from person to person; and,

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020 Governor DeWine declared a state of emergency for the state of Ohio to protect the well-being of the citizens of the Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, to justify the authorization of personnel of State departments and agencies as are necessary, to coordinate the State response to COVID-19, and to assist in protecting the lives, safety, and health of the citizens of Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet)”; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the above described emergency, there is a continuing and urgent need to protect all citizens and guests of Parma from the risks relating to the COVID-19 pandemic through the protection provided by wearing facial coverings; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends wearing face coverings in public where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 from asymptomatic or unknowing carriers to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports and encourages Parma residents to wear face masks to protect public health and safety, and for the continuity of social and commercial life during this global pandemic.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the Cuyahoga County Executive, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and County Councilman Scott Tuma.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to encourage the residents of Parma to wear face masks during this global pandemic, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO