



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Pierson and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: July 21, 2020 Meeting date: August 10, 2020

Subject: Face Covering Ordinance (Mayor Pierson)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: At the request of Mayor Pierson, consider directing staff to bring back an urgency ordinance requiring all individuals to wear a face covering while in public.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

DISCUSSION: Since the early onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, health officials have advised that the best ways to prevent the spread of the virus are to wash your hands frequently, keep a physical distance of at least six feet between yourself and others, and wear a cloth face covering whenever you may come into close contact with others outside your household. Both State and County public health offices have issued orders either recommending or requiring the wearing of face coverings. A copy of the State's guidance for use of face coverings is attached for reference (Attachment 1)

Some individual cities have also implemented regulations related to the wearing of face coverings in public, including administrative fees for violations. For example, on July 28, 2020, the City of Hermosa Beach considered adoption of an urgency ordinance (Attachment 2) that will require members of the public to wear face coverings and allows for issuance of administrative citations for violations. The City of West Hollywood implemented an order (Attachment 3) that states the focus remains on education and awareness, but fines for violations range from \$250 for the first violation to \$5,000 for a fourth violation.

Mayor Pierson is requesting the Council consider directing staff to bring back an urgency ordinance to require all individuals, both residents and visitors, to wear a face covering whenever they are in public spaces within the Malibu city limits. Should the Council wish to include a fine or administrative fee for violations of the ordinance, that should be included in the direction given to staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. State of California Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings
2. City of Hermosa Beach proposed Urgency Ordinance
3. City of West Hollywood News Release regarding Face Covering Requirements posted July 2, 2020