

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 24, 2020 6:00 P.M.  
5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
602 S. MAIN ST.**

**This meeting can be viewed live on KGCS-TV on broadcast channel 21; or on regional cable television systems, including Sparklight in Joplin; or viewed livestream at <http://www.joplinmo.org/182/Video-Multimedia>  
The number of guests in the Council Chambers is limited to 43  
in observance of the social distancing requirement of 6 ft.**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, will conduct a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at Joplin City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chambers, 602 S. Main Street for the purpose of discussing the City's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
4. Reading of the Special Call
5. Roll Call
6. Discussion on the City's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan.
7. Any other business

Barbara Gollhofer

*Barbara Gollhofer City Clerk, for Mayor Ryan D. Stanley*

**Notice posted at 2:15 p.m. this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020 (RSMo 610.020)**

AN ORDINANCE to require persons to wear facemasks that cover the nostrils and mouth to help restrict the spread of the COVID-19 virus, to establish reasonable exemptions, to set practical enforcement conditions; and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor declared a civil emergency because of the threat COVID-19 poses to the public health; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the COVID-19 virus has been accelerating in the City of Joplin and in Jasper and Newton Counties; and

WHEREAS, one key transmission method for the COVID-19 virus is through respiratory droplets that people expel when they breathe, speak, cough, or sneeze. Moreover, people can be infected with the COVID-19 virus and be asymptomatic but still be contagious. People can also be infected and contagious 48 hours before developing symptoms when they are pre-symptomatic. Many people with COVID-19 have mild symptoms and do not recognize they are infected and contagious, and they can unintentionally infect others; and

WHEREAS, numerous epidemiologists have insisted that widespread use of a face mask is necessary to prevent the more rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus, especially when humans gather in groups, and thereby necessary for the safety and health of Joplin citizens, residents, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control has recommended that members of the public, when they need to interact with others outside the home, and especially in settings where many people are present, should cover the mouth and nose to prevent inadvertently spreading COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin finds therefore, that wearing a face covering, in combination with physical distancing of at least 6 feet and frequent hand-washing, may reduce the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus when in public and engaged in necessary activities by reducing the spread of respiratory droplets. Therefore, this ordinance requires that people wear face coverings in certain public settings as further described below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That all persons six (6) years old or older who are present in the City of Joplin shall have possession of a face covering that covers their mouth and nostrils when they leave their home or place of residence and shall wear the face covering whenever they are within six feet of another person who is not a member of their family or household.

Section 2. Exceptions for face coverings will be made under the following circumstances:

- For those who fall into the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention's guidance for those who should not wear face coverings due to a medical condition, mental health condition, developmental disability, or are otherwise covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act; or

- For children under 6 years old; or
- For people whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering; or
- For restaurant patrons while they are dining; or
- For individuals exercising outdoors or while walking or exercising with other people from the same household, if social distancing from others who are not your family or household members can be maintained; or
- For engaging in organized group or team sports, exercise or other physical activities where it is not practicable or feasible to wear a mask or socially distance; or
- In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services or medical treatments.

Section 3. That the Joplin City Council has determined that the orders and advisories included in this ordinance are necessary to preserve the peace and order of the City of Joplin, and to protect life and to promote and preserve public safety and welfare, in particular to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and provide essential protections to Joplin residents, including but not limited to those who are most vulnerable to infection, while still preserving the availability of essential services.

Section 4. Enforcement of this ordinance shall focus first on educating and working to promote the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19. A person or business shall be notified of the provisions of this ordinance and will be provided an opportunity to explain an exception or follow the guidelines prior to issuance of any citation or other enforcement action.

Section 5. The Joplin City Council specifically orders that enforcement of this ordinance shall therefore be administered by first education and an opportunity for compliance, followed by a warning, and a civil citation, only if necessary.

Section 6. Under the Joplin City Council's authority for enforcement of a violation of face coverings, the City Council specifically orders that a violation of this ordinance under Joplin's City Code, Section 1-5, is punishable by a fine of \$0 to \$250 dollars, at the court's discretion.

Section 7. Businesses have the right to refuse service for failure to comply, if there are no exceptions under this ordinance.

Section 8. This ordinance is effective at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020.

Section 9. That the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, hereby declares that this Ordinance, being an Ordinance relating to the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety or morals, is considered an emergency within the meaning of Section

2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Specifically, that this ordinance should become effective without delay because widespread use of a face mask is necessary to prevent the more rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus, especially when humans gather large public gatherings will facilitate the spread of a communicable disease, COVID-19.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney