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**RESCISSION OF THE MARCH 4, 2021, EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR WEARING FACE COVERINGS IN CITY BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, by proclamation issued March 12, 2020, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor declared a state of local disaster for the City of Dallas resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, by proclamation issued March 19, 2020, the state of local disaster was extended to April 29, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, by proclamation issued April 22, 2020, the state of local disaster was extended to May 12, 2020, and continuing concurrently thereafter with the Governor's state of disaster;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott by Executive Order GA-34, issued March 2, 2021, reopened Texas on a statewide basis effective March 10, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, by Emergency Regulations, issued on March 4, 2021, Emergency Management Director Eric Johnson mandated face coverings for all persons in city buildings and facilities;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott, by Executive Order GA-36, issued May 18, 2021, ordered that no governmental entity or governmental official may require any person to wear a face covering or mandate that another person wear a face covering;

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**WHEREAS**, under GA-36, county and municipal jails, acting consistent with guidance of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, may continue to use appropriate policies regarding the wearing of face coverings;

**WHEREAS**, under the Texas Supreme Court's Thirty-Sixth Emergency Order, issued March 5, 2021, courts may take any reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19, including requiring compliance with social distancing protocols and face coverings worn over the nose and mouth;

**WHEREAS**, because an infected person can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, persons who are not fully vaccinated are still strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this rescission of the March 4, 2021, Emergency Regulations for Wearing Face Coverings in City Buildings and Facilities shall take effect at 8:00 p.m. on May 21, 2021.

**SECTION 1.** That the Emergency Regulations for Wearing Face Coverings in City Buildings and Facilities, Ordinance No. 31792, issued on March 4, 2021, is rescinded.

**SECTION 2.** That the ordinances of the City of Dallas shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as rescinded by this ordinance.

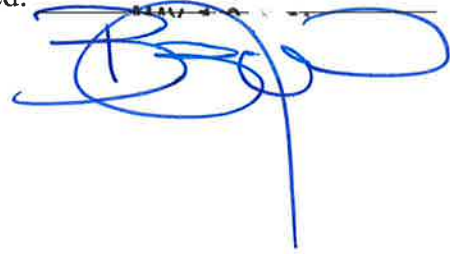
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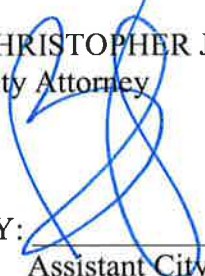
**SECTION 3.** That this rescission of the March 4, 2021, Emergency Regulations for Wearing Face Coverings in City Buildings and Facilities shall take effect at 8:00 p.m. on May 21, 2021.

CITY OF DALLAS

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