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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ("CDC") COVID-19 GUIDANCE AS UPDATED ON AUGUST 19, 2021; ENCOURAGING ALL CITY OF TULSA RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO FOLLOW THE MOST RECENT CDC GUIDANCE AS TO WHO SHOULD WEAR A MASK; ENCOURAGING ALL TULSA RESIDENTS AGE 12 AND UP TO BE VACCINATED AND TO ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS ABOUT VACCINES AND BOOSTERS TO A TRUSTED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa has recently seen an increase in the number of active COVID-19 cases in Tulsa County; and

WHEREAS, Tulsa County is currently an area with Severe (Red) and Extremely Severe (Dark Red) Risk Levels of community spread, pursuant to the Tulsa City-County Health Department COVID-19 Risk Level System; and

WHEREAS, Tulsa County is currently an area with a High ("Red") Level of Community Transmission pursuant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID Data Tracker; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2021, the CDC updated its COVID-19 guidance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa is charged with the solemn responsibility of protecting the public peace, health, order, morals, and safety, and promoting the general welfare of the City of Tulsa and its inhabitants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TULSA THAT:

**Section 1.** The Mayor and the City Council strongly encourages City of Tulsa residents and visitors to obey the most recent CDC guidance as to who should wear a mask, as updated on August 19, 2021, which includes a recommendation for everyone to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission, even if they are fully vaccinated.

**Section 2.** The City reminds Tulsa residents that businesses and organizations are free to require more stringent mask rules and asks that all residents respect all such

requirements. The Tulsa Police Department will continue to respond to trespassing complaints, as a violation of Title 27 Tulsa Revised Ordinances, Section 2106, for businesses or other entities that choose to require masks.

**Section 3.** The City strongly encourages all Tulsa residents age 12 and up to be vaccinated and to address any questions and concerns about vaccines and boosters to a trusted health professional.

**Section 4. Emergency Clause**. That, because of a continuing COVID-19 Pandemic, an emergency is now declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety and for this reason this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED by the Council on this 25 <sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.
Vanesa Hall-Hay
Chair of the Council
ADOPTED, as an emergency measure, on this 25th day of August 2021.
Vanessa Hall-Hay
Chair of the Council
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## APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Attorney