

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE X OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND FACE COVERINGS**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Branson passed restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, including the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, those restrictions included requiring the use of face coverings in public spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of face coverings has helped decrease the spread of communicable diseases including COVID-19 within the region; and

**WHEREAS**, a vaccine has been developed and has been rolled out nationwide to combat COVID-19, and that vaccine is now available within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Parson announced on March 18, 2021 that Phase 2 of the state’s COVID-19 Vaccination Plan will begin on March 29, 2021, and Phase 3 on Friday, April 9, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the community, region, and State has experienced a rapid decline in weekly COVID-19 cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen desire to lift the restrictions related to the transmission of communicable diseases, including COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: It is the intention of the Board of Aldermen, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Branson Municipal Code, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

Section 2: That Chapter 58, Article I – *In General*, Section 58-1 – *Definitions* of the Branson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

Sec. 58-1 – Definitions

~~[Face covering means a particulate mask or fabric covering of the nose and mouth secured to the face with ties, loops or elastic that is covering the nose and mouth.]~~

~~[Public space means for purposes of this chapter an indoor or outdoor area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, including but not limited to, banks, convention facilities, common areas, promenades, shopping malls, common areas of hotels and motels,~~

laundromats, museums, reception areas, restaurants, retail establishments, retail stores, schools, spas, sports arenas, theaters, waiting rooms, amusement parks, attractions, and any place where food is prepared or stored.]


NOTE: LANGUAGE WHICH IS **BOLD, UNDERLINED** HAS BEEN ADDED; LANGUAGE WHICH IS [~~BRACKETED, STRICKEN~~] HAS BEEN REMOVED.

Section 3: That Chapter 58, Article X – *Communicable Disease* that includes Section 58-386. – *Purpose*, Section 58-387. – *Personal conduct prohibited*, Section 58-388. – *Operation of public spaces*, Section 58-389. – *Signage required for business operations*, and Section 58-390. – *Penalties* is hereby repealed and removed in its entirety.

Section 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the Mayor on May 24, 2021.

Read, this first time on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.


Read, this second time, passed, and truly agreed to by the Board of Aldermen of City of Branson, Missouri this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
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E. Edd Akers  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa K Westfall  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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