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EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING USE OF FACE MASKS IN WOODBRIDGE

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under the powers granted by the Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(8), 28-1(8) and 28-22, and Section 5-2 of the Woodbridge Charter, the First Selectman shall have and exercise all executive and administrative powers conferred upon any municipal chief executive during a public emergency; and

WHEREAS, DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH OF COVID-19, and the acceleration of the spread of the disease, the First Selectman must take action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the adverse effects of this emergency situation upon the residents of Woodbridge; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2021, the United States designated Omicron as a variant of concern and the COVID-19 pandemic remains a grave threat to public health and safety and civil preparedness in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued his Executive Order 13A, granting municipalities the authority to take necessary steps to halt the spread of Covid-19, specifically authorizing municipal orders requiring masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued Executive Order Number 14, extending Executive Order Number 13A through February 15, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, pursuant to the powers and duties granted in the Connecticut General Statutes and pursuant to the authority and powers granted by Executive Order 13A issued by Governor Lamont in response to the civil preparedness and public health emergency now facing the Town of Woodbridge, effective on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 12:01 a.m., the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings

that are compliant with CDC guidelines is required in any indoor public spaces, meeting spaces to which any member of the public has access except when eating or drinking, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that also effective on Monday, January, 10, 2022, at 12:01 a.m., the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings that are compliant with CDC guidelines is required in any private indoor business, and in any places of employment, except when eating or drinking; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that nothing in this Order should be deemed or construed to counteract, reverse, withdraw or revoke or otherwise amend any previously or subsequently issued order, unless expressly stated; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect (the "effective period") until such time as it is amended or earlier terminated; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Order will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the Town Clerk of Woodbridge and shall be posted on the Town of Woodbridge website.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that any person who fails to wear a mask or face covering as required by this Order shall be fined in accordance with State Order 13A.

Dated: January, 4th, 2022


Beth Heller
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