



Message from Mayor Jimmy Hering on use of Face Masks during COVID-19 Pandemic

Regarding the use of masks, Mayor Jimmy Hering said “We are all obligated to follow the Orders of our Governor. “

On July 3, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order GA-29 which became effective at 12:01 p.m. on July 3. The Order states:

“Every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household.” There are 11 exceptions to the Order that can be found by searching Executive Order GA-29.

“Our police department, while exercising common-sense and respect, will be enforcing the Order according to the Governor’s Order,” the mayor stated, which provides:

- Following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of this face covering requirement, a person’s second violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 per violation.”

“We greatly appreciate everyone’s adherence to these orders as we all work together to take care of each other,” Mayor Hering stated.