

RESOLUTION NO. 816

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AS REQUIRED BY RETAIL, FOODSERVICE AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS AND IN ACCORD WITH REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES OR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the current coronavirus pandemic has created a public health emergency for our City, our State, and our Nation, such that the Council, in the exercise of its statutory authority and in the public interest, enacted Ordinance No. 2687 on July 1, 2020, as an emergency ordinance to, among other things, require individuals to wear face coverings in retail and foodservice establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Council extended the expiration date of Ordinance No. 2687 on July 21, 2020, by enactment of Ordinance No. 2689; and

WHEREAS, the Council extended the expiration date and further amended the text of Ordinance No. 2689 by its enactment, on August 18, 2020, of Ordinance No. 2695; and

WHEREAS, the Council extended the expiration date of Ordinance No. 2695 by its enactment, on September 1, 2020, of Ordinance No. 2703; extended the expiration date of Ordinance 2703 by enactment of Ordinance No. 2704 on October 6, 2020; amended the text and extended the expiration date of Ordinance No. 2704 by enactment of Ordinance No. 2710 on November 3, 2020; extended the expiration date of Ordinance No. 2710 by enactment of Ordinance No. 2718 on December 1, 2020; extended the expiration date of Ordinance 2718 by enactment of Ordinance 2723 on January 19, 2021; and extended the expiration date of Ordinance 2723 by enactment of Ordinance 2734 on March 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Council now believes that, due to the lessening, yet continuation, of the public health emergency presented by the pandemic, it is in the public interest for the Council to recommend, rather than order by Ordinance, that individuals follow the requirements of retail and foodservice and other establishments concerning face coverings and social distancing, and that individuals, businesses, and other establishments follow requirements, guidelines and recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and Executive Orders of the Governor concerning use of face coverings and social distancing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby recommends that individuals follow the requirements of retail, foodservice, and other establishments concerning face coverings and social distancing, and that individuals, businesses, and other establishments follow

requirements, guidelines and recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and Executive Orders of the Governor concerning use of face coverings and social distancing,

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA



David P. Merchant, Mayor



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ATTEST:



Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

Date of Reading: April 20, 2021