

**DECLARATION OF CONTINUING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

WHEREAS, there exists a global pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, the global pandemic has resulted in the spread of infections of COVID-19 throughout the United States and the State of Connecticut (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor declared public health and civil preparedness emergencies throughout the State pursuant to sections 19a-131 and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, issued a Declaration of Emergency for the Town of Glastonbury and such Declaration of Emergency was unanimously approved by the Glastonbury Town Council; and

WHEREAS, on several occasions since March 10, 2020, acting within his authority pursuant to Sections 19a-131 and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes as well as Special Acts No. 21-2, 21-4 and 21-5 of the General Assembly, Governor Lamont renewed the declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order No. 13A, which permits municipalities to issue orders pursuant to Section 28-8a of the Connecticut General Statutes requiring masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, the Delta variant of COVID-19, which is highly contagious and spreads faster than any other variant of COVID-19, is now the dominant variant of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, based on reporting from the Connecticut Department of Public Health ("CTDPH"), Hartford County is in the "high transmission" category of COVID-19 and the Town of Glastonbury is currently in the "red zone" defined by CTDPH as more than 15 positive cases per 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all people, including those who have been vaccinated, wear masks or face coverings in indoor settings in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, universal indoor masking is necessary to meet the public health and civil preparedness emergencies caused by the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. JOHNSON, Town Manager of the Town of Glastonbury, by virtue of the authority vested in me by order of Governor Ned Lamont, Section 307 of the Town Charter, Section 6-4 of the Town Code, and Section 28-8a of the Connecticut General Statutes, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

Section 1. Any person in an indoor public place in the Town of Glastonbury shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or face covering.

Section 2. Nothing in this order shall require the use of a mask or face covering by anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition, behavioral

condition, or disability, or anyone under the age of 2 years. Any person who declines to wear a mask or face covering because of a medical condition, behavioral condition, or disability shall be exempt from this order, but only if such person provides written documentation that the person is qualified for the exemption from a licensed or certified medical provider, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, social worker, or behavior analyst, the Department of Developmental Services or other State agency that provides supports services for people with emotional, intellectual or physical disabilities, or a person authorized by any such agency. Such documentation shall not be required to name or describe the condition that qualifies the person for the exemption.

Section 3. Nothing in this order shall require the use of a mask or face covering by anyone while eating or drinking.

Section 4. This order shall not apply to any residential dwelling.

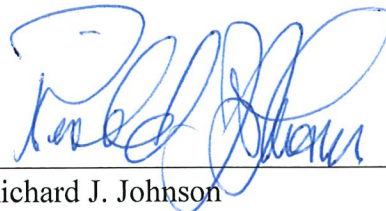
Section 5. Enforcement of this Executive Order shall be pursuant to Executive Order No. 13A, Section 1.b.

- a. Any person who fails to wear a mask or face covering as required herein, other than a person who qualifies for an exemption, may be found guilty of a violation and fined up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). An employer, rather than the employee, is liable for the fine for any employee's failure to wear a mask or face covering while at work.
- b. In any case in which such person is charged with a violation pursuant to this order, the procedures set forth in Sections 51-164n through 51-164r of the Connecticut General Statutes shall apply. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit, alter, modify or suspend any penalties or remedies that otherwise apply to violations of orders issued pursuant to the civil preparedness and public health emergencies.

This Order shall take effect at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Dated at Glastonbury, this 1st day of September, 2021.

By: _____



Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager