CITY OF SUN VALLEY
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-02
REQUIREING FACIAL COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person. The virus is spread between individuals who are in close contact with each other through respiratory droplets; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little signed a declaration of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 are imminent in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, as of July 7, 2020, Idaho was reporting 8,539 total cases of COVID-19 and 94 deaths to date; and Blaine County was reporting 531 total cases and 5 deaths to date; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and visitors of the City Sun Valley, as well as all other jurisdictions in the Wood River Valley, have been vigilant in following the standards asked of them in regard to the wearing of facial coverings and maintaining social distancing which contributed to the success of flattening the curve and preventing medical emergencies which could have overwhelmed the health facilities and available personnel of the valley; and

WHEREAS, the Wood River Valley is experiencing a large influx of tourists and visitors, who could be seeking relief and refuge from other areas who have been less fortunate and perhaps less diligent in pursuing methods and procedures to limit the spread and tragic misery that is caused by the virus; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the citizens of Sun Valley to maintain the success so far enjoyed by diligence, perseverance, mutual caring and concern for our families, friends, and neighbors as well as all visitors to Blaine County, in limiting the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing and urgent need to protect all citizens residents, and visitors in the Wood River Valley from the risks relating to the COVID-19 pandemic through the protection provided by wearing facial coverings.
NOW, THEREFORE, the City does hereby adopt the following emergency health regulation, which shall be in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended by the Mayor and/or City Council:

SECTION 1. FACE COVERINGS. Every person, shall, when in any indoor or outdoor public place, completely cover their nose and mouth, when members of the public are physically present for otherwise unprotected social interaction.

1. DEFINITIONS: For purposes of this Public Health Order:
   i. "Public place" shall mean any place open to members of the public without specific invitation, including but not necessarily limited to, retail business establishments, government offices, medical, educational, arts and recreational institutions, public transportation, including taxi cabs and ridesharing vehicles.
   ii. "Members of the public" shall mean persons not therein employed, present without invitation.

2. EXEMPTIONS:
   a. Children under the age of 5.
   b. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.
   c. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
   d. Persons, including on-duty law-enforcement officers, for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
   e. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose, face, or head for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
   f. Persons who are eating or drinking at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, so long as the person is able to maintain a distance of 6 feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or party as the person.
   g. Outdoor public gatherings where a person can employ social distancing as recommended by the CDC.
   h. Brief outdoor encounters when recreating.
   i. Persons who are engaged in indoor exercise, so long as they engage in social distancing as recommended by the CDC.

SECTION 2. PENALTIES. Any person who violates any provisions of this Order, will be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of $100.
SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND A SUNSET DATE  This Emergency Order shall take effect at 12:00 AM on July 10, 2020, and remain in effect until October 1, 2020, unless earlier rescinded or further amended and extended by the City Council.

ORDERED BY THE MAYOR ON JULY 9, 2020.

[Signature]
Peter M. Hendricks, Mayor

Attest:

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Nancy Flannigan, City Clerk

RATIFIED AND APPROVED BY ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 9, 2020.

Attest:

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Nancy Flannigan, City Clerk