

## Ordinance 0007-20 – 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response Extension

An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

Whereas, the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin have been affected by the worldwide pandemic of the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which is a dangerous respiratory illness that can spread from person to person; and

Whereas, since well before March 2020, City of Racine public health officials been working to minimize the risk and threat of contagion related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic while enhancing the safety and health of city residents; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic and its prevalence in the southeastern Wisconsin region and throughout the United States continues to constitute a public health emergency; and

Whereas, the City of Racine continues a hot spot for infection related to the novel coronavirus. As of July 31, 2020, the City of Racine had a confirmed number of 1,871 positive COVID-19 cases. According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the positive COVID-19 rate in Racine County is the second highest of all the counties in Wisconsin. Approximately, 70 percent of the positive COVID-19 cases within Racine County are in the City of Racine; and

Whereas, the City of Racine continues to deal with this unprecedented threat to City residents, as well as the healthcare systems in place to respond. this time represents the most significant threat to public health that has occurred in the past 100 years; and

Whereas, response to public health crises is within the indisputable authority of local governments in the United States, and in Wisconsin, as part of the exercise of their police power; and

Whereas, there exists a continuing public health emergency within the City of Racine as contemplated by in Wisconsin Statutes sections 323.11 and 323.14(4) and Racine Ordinance section 34-1.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Part 1: Chapter 54, Article II, section 54-33(c) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, is repealed and recreated as follows:

(c) Sunset

- a. This ordinance shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2020, unless extended or earlier terminated or modified by the common council.
- b. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, no later than October 20, 2020, the Public Health Administrator shall provide a full report to the Common Council regarding the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in the City of Racine. The Common Council may action to extend, modify, or terminate the application of this wear of face coverings ordinance upon receipt of the Public Health Administrator's report hereunder.

Part 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the City of Racine Common Council and publication or posting as required by law.

Fiscal Note: N/A