



ORDINANCE NO. 2021-15

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07
REQUIRING MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS IN ESTABLISHMENTS AND AT GATHERINGS**

- WHEREAS,** SARS-CoV-2 (the Coronavirus) the virus that causes the disease COVID-19 and the DELTA Variant and the new OMICRON Variant are serious public health concerns especially those persons who are not vaccinated and for children, who are age four (4) and under who are currently unable to receive any of the vaccinations that have been approved; and,
- WHEREAS,** the OMICRON Variant likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus; and,
- WHEREAS,** breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) have determined that the use of face coverings help control the spread of the Coronavirus; and
- WHEREAS,** City Ordinance No. 2021-07 was extended by City Ordinance No. 2021-13 on October 19th, 2021; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Orangeburg City Council is authorized and empowered, and has the duty to afford adequate protection for lives, safety, health, and welfare of its citizens, by Article VIII, Section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution and the Home Rule Act of 1975; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Orangeburg that for the reasons stated above City Ordinance No. 2021-07 is ratified and extended for an additional sixty (60) days with an expiration date of February 16th, 2022. This ordinance is adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Council this 7th day of December 2021

Expiration of Ordinance; Extension of Emergency Term. As provided by S.C. Code § 5-7-250(d), this Ordinance shall be effective immediately and, unless enacted as a permanent ordinance, shall expire automatically as of the sixty-first day following the effective date of December 18, 2021 (the "Emergency Term"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Council may extend the Emergency Term by emergency ordinance for one or more additional terms, each of no more than sixty days.

Severability. Should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of the Emergency Ordinances be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, or words of the Emergency Ordinances adopted shall remain in full force and effect. Except as extended by this Ordinance all terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 2021-07 shall remain in full force and effect during the Emergency Term.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina, as an Emergency Ordinance on this 7th day of December 2021 with an effective date of December 18th, 2021.

Attest: Linda McDaniel
City Clerk



Michael C. Beath
Mayor

Edward Hays

James P. Knotts

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Members of Council