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CITY OF TAYLOR MAYOR SIGNS MASK ORDER FOR BUSINESSES Taylor, Other Wilco Cities Enact Orders in Response to Rising COVID-19 Case Counts

TAYLOR, TX—In response to the rapidly rising COVID-19 case count in Williamson County, the mayors in the cities of Taylor, Hutto, Round Rock, Georgetown, Leander, and Cedar Park have worked cooperatively and collaboratively in adopting orders requiring businesses in their communities to enact a safety plan that includes the use of face coverings for employees, customers, and visitors. The City of Taylor order will go into effect at midnight on Wednesday, July 1, and will continue through the month of July unless extended, modified, or terminated earlier by the mayor.

Under this new order, all businesses and commercial entities in the City of Taylor that provide goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy that requires all employees and visitors to wear face coverings whenever separation of 6-feet or more is not feasible. Businesses will have until midnight on Wednesday, July 1 to develop their policy and have it implemented when enforcement begins, although the city's goal is to educate and seek voluntary compliance. In an effort to help local businesses comply with this order, a sample health and safety policy is available, as well as signage that outlines the minimum requirements of the new order. Those resources are available online at taylortx.gov.

As the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continues to rise, the transmission of the virus remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Taylor community. State and local health authorities agree that the implementation of certain health measures, including social distancing and face coverings, help to reduce the rate of transmission.

Mayor Brandt Rydell signed the order after consulting with health officials at the Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD), who said that wearing face masks can help slow the spread of the virus. Mayor Rydell said, "Fighting the spread of COVID-19 is a community effort," said the Mayor. "With cases rising as rapidly as they are in the County and in Taylor, it is more important than ever that we all do our part to slow the spread. I am grateful to my fellow

mayors across Williamson County who recognize the urgency of this health crisis, and who are doing their part to ensure the health and safety of all of our residents.”

“We all understand the importance of re-opening our economy,” Taylor Chamber of Commerce Tia Rae Stone said. “But until this virus is contained and defeated, we risk the health of our community. If we all work together, we can stop the spread of COVID-19, and return to some degree of normalcy.”

To read the order in its entirety, or for more about the City’s ongoing response to COVID-19, please visit the City’s website at taylortx.gov. The City will continue to monitor this ongoing and fluid situation closely with Williamson County and the WCCHD. Updates will be posted at taylortx.gov and on social media as they become available. To read the mask order in its entirety, and for more information about the City’s ongoing response to the crisis, please visit www.taylortx.gov

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Order of the Mayor