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**CITY OF FIRCREST
RESOLUTION NO. 1659**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST,
WASHINGTON, ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST TO USE FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS WHEN THEY ARE
IN PUBLIC SPACES.**

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020 the Governor of the state of Washington issued Proclamation 20-05 declaring a public health state of emergency for all counties in Washington State due to the novel coronavirus COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-25 which extended the state of emergency, established the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order, and prohibited all people from leaving their homes except for those engaged in or obtaining essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Governor subsequently provided a Safe Start four phase recovery plan to restart business and modify physical distancing requirements when disease activity is adequately suppressed and readiness in key areas is achieved; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, the Secretary of Health approved Pierce County's application to move to Phase 2 of the state's Safe Start recovery plan, which allows for modified restrictions on businesses and other areas of public life; and

WHEREAS, effective June 8, 2020, the Governor required all employees to wear face coverings at work if they are not working alone or can't maintain physical distance; and

WHEREAS, we do not want to act in ways that could risk our hard fought progress and even with the relaxed restrictions, it's more important than ever to engage in activities to prevent the spread of disease, such as maintaining physical distance of six feet from others, practicing good hygiene, staying home when sick, and wearing a face covering; and

WHEREAS, given the widespread community transmission of COVID-19, wearing a face covering over the nose and mouth designed to prevent the spread of respiratory droplets provides an extra layer of protection, especially when one cannot easily keep physical distance from others; and

WHEREAS, wearing a face covering protects the health of others in our community because a significant portion of people who have COVID-19 do not show symptoms and therefore the virus can spread before people realize they are sick; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department recommend that all people wear face coverings when in public; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2020, the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health adopted
2 Resolution No. 2020-4647, encouraging residents of Pierce County to use face coverings
3 or masks when they are in public spaces; and

4 **WHEREAS**, exceptions to this resolution are made for: children aged two years or less;
5 children aged 12 years or less who need adult supervision on safe use of face coverings;
6 individuals with physical disabilities that prevent easy wearing or removal of a face
7 covering; communication with hearing impaired individuals who use facial expression and
8 mouth movement as part of communication; individuals who have been advised by a
9 medical professional that wearing a face covering poses a risk to their health; individuals
10 with breathing problems; and members of marginalized communities who do not feel safe
11 wearing face coverings. Now, Therefore

12 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST:**

13 **Section 1.** The residents of the City of Fircrest are encouraged to wear face coverings or
14 masks when they are in outdoor or indoor public areas, especially when they cannot
15 maintain a physical distance of six feet from others; and

16 **Section 2.** The City of Fircrest supports the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health in
17 their efforts to provide public education to promote use of face coverings and other
18 measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19,

19 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
20 **FIRCREST, WASHINGTON**, at a regular meeting thereof this 23rd day of June 2020.

21 **APPROVED:**

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23 Hunter T. George, Mayor

24 **ATTEST:**

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26 Jayne Westman, City Clerk

27 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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29 Michael B. Smith, City Attorney