

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON )

**RESOLUTION NO. 714**

**A Resolution Encouraging Individuals To  
Wear Face Coverings In Certain Circumstances**

**WHEREAS**, it is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary measures and vigilance; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a worldwide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency for the United States and its territories in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has spread across the state with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“SCDHEC”) confirming the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in South Carolina, which indicated a significant risk of exposure and infection and creates an extreme public health risk; and

**WHEREAS**, as of July 1, 2020, the total number of confirmed cases in South Carolina is approximately 37,809 and the number of confirmed deaths is 759. The number of confirmed cases in Darlington County as of July 15, 2020, is 610; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of cases is growing rapidly and if COVID-19 continues to spread in the County, the number of persons relying on medical, pharmaceutical, and general cleaning supplies will increase, the private and public sector workforce will be negatively impacted by absenteeism, and the demand for medical facilities may exceed locally available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important that we all work together to decrease the widespread proliferation of COVID-19 among us all now rather than suffer the unfortunate and devastating consequences later; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and SCDHEC advise the use of face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, taking measures to control outbreaks minimize the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the County’s residents, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the healthcare delivery system; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety and welfare and the peace and order of the community, the County is taking steps to try and protect the citizens and employees of the County from increased risk of exposure; and

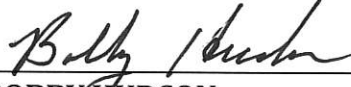
**WHEREAS**, in light of the foregoing, County Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this Resolution in order to encourage everyone within the county, to include county employees, to wear face coverings any time they are in contact with other persons who are not household members while in public areas, commercial/retail/business establishments, and county-owned facilities where social distancing is not possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, that due to the real and present concerns of the spread of COVID-19, it is encouraged that everyone in the county, to include county employees, wear face coverings any time they are in contact with other persons who are not household members while in public areas, commercial/retail/business establishments, and county-owned facilities where social distancing is not possible.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately. All orders, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

Done in meeting duly assembled this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

**DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL**



BOBBY HUDSON

**COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

**Attest:**



J. JANET BISHOP  
CLERK TO COUNCIL