CITY OF APALACHICOLA
STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency; and cases are rising rapidly; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Florida, and the Federal Government have recommended or ordered numerous precautions to help slow the spread of COVID-19 so as to limit illness and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Apalachicola Comprehensive Emergency Plan has been activated and the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola (the Board) and their representatives have the power, authorities and duties to take any and all action under the plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people and property of the City of Apalachicola, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Apalachicola Charter and Florida Statutes 252.38 provide authority and responsibility for safeguarding the life and property of the citizens of the City of Apalachicola, Florida; it is:

ORDERED that

1. Facial Coverings in Businesses and Establishments

Facial coverings must be worn indoors by all persons in businesses and establishments, other than those specifically exempted in Section 3, while obtaining any good or service or otherwise visiting or working in any business or establishment, including entering, exiting, and otherwise moving around within the establishment.

A facial covering includes any covering which covers the nose and mouth, whether store bought or homemade, including but not limited to, a mask, scarf, bandana, handkerchief, or other similar covering which is secured in place.

The term “business establishment” also includes locations where non-profit, governmental and quasi-governmental entities conduct business.
2. Signage
All businesses and establishments shall conspicuously post signage explaining required facial coverings.

3. Exceptions
These people are not required to wear facial coverings:
a. Persons walking, exercising, or sitting outdoors, including people on boats.
b. Seated restaurant and bar patrons eating or drinking.
c. Persons attending religious services.
d. Persons under the age of six years.
e. Persons who have trouble breathing due to a chronic pre-existing condition or individuals with a documented or demonstrable medical problem.
f. Persons in their private rooms of a lodging establishment, such as a hotel, motel, or vacation rental.
g. Business owners, managers, and employees who are in an area of a business establishment that is not open to customers or the public, provided that six feet of distance exists between persons.

4. City governmental Facilities
All persons accessing City buildings for the purposes of conducting public business, visitation, delivery, or any other activity requiring a presence in a City building shall wear facial coverings.

5. Any provision(s) within this Order that conflict(s) with any state or federal law or constitutional provision, or conflict(s) with, or are superseded by, a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor or the President of the United States, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed to be severed from this Order, with the remainder of the Order remaining intact and in full force and effect.

This order shall take effect on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 6 AM.

This Emergency Proclamation will continue to be in effect in seven (7) day increments unless rescinded by the Mayor of the City of Apalachicola or the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola.
DONE this 28th day of June, 2020.

FOR THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA

BY: Kevin Begos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristy Branch Banks, City Attorney