Office of the Mayor  
City of Richmond Heights, Ohio  

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
By David H. Roche, Mayor  

Declaration and Order Requiring Face Covering  
In City Buildings  

WHEREAS, on this 5th day of June, 2020, the life, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Richmond Heights are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of a deadly infectious respiratory disease identified as coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak, and it is necessary to protect the citizens of Richmond Heights, and its City employees;  

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is rapidly spreading, as numerous members of the Greater Cleveland community have been infected with the disease and the risk of serious illness imminent and the resulting impact of the disease on the Richmond Heights residents and businesses is potentially catastrophic;  

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio in relation to COVID-19 pursuant to the Governor’s authority vested in him by the Constitution, the laws of the State of Ohio and in accordance with Revised Code Section 5502.22;  

WHEREAS, the Ohio State of Emergency allows political subdivisions of the state to better coordinate in their response and the City of Richmond Heights must also engage in that effort;  

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director’s Stay Safe Ohio Order pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3701.13 authorizing special orders for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases; and  

WHEREAS, face coverings (masks) reduce the spread of COVID-19 and are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of City employees and residents while in City buildings.  

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David H. Roche, Mayor and Director of Public Safety of the City of Richmond Heights, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Ohio Constitution, the Charter of the City of Richmond Heights, and the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights, do hereby order and direct that:  

1. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and, in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health guidelines, all visitors to any City building under the jurisdiction of the City of Richmond Heights, including, but not limited to, City Hall, the Fire Station, the Police
Station and the Service Department facility, must wear a face covering when within a City building.

2. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and, in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health guidelines, all City employees under the jurisdiction of the City of Richmond Heights must wear a face covering when in a common area within any City building or if the employee’s workspace is within six feet of a common area and there is no barrier at least seven (7) feet high surrounding the employee’s workspace. “Common area” is an area within a City building generally available to the public or otherwise used by employee and outside of an employee’s work space (e.g., hallways and other walkways, stairwells, restrooms, and breakrooms).

3. A face covering must be of cloth or other fabric and cover the individual’s nose, mouth, and chin.

4. A face covering need not be worn when not advisable for health reasons, while the employee is working alone in a work space sufficiently isolated from other employees or common areas, or under any other circumstance recognized by the Ohio Department of Health.

I have signed this Declaration and Order Requiring Face Covering in City Buildings this 1st day of June, 2020, in Richmond Heights, Ohio, and it shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until such public health measures are no longer required, such time to be determined by the Mayor and Director of Public Safety of the City of Richmond Heights in accordance with the statewide Orders of the Ohio Department of Health.

David H. Roche, Mayor  
City of Richmond Heights, Ohio  

June 1, 2020  
Date