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RE: Resolution requiring a face covering while in and around  
Streeteries

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on 7/1/2020, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C passed the attached resolution requiring a face covering while in and around Streeteries by a vote of 7-0-0.

Amir Irani  
Chairperson, ANC 1C

## Resolution requiring a face covering while in and around Streeteries

Whereas, as of June 30, 2020, over 100,000 COVID-19 tests have been administered to people in the District and over 10,000 have tested positive for COVID-19, including 168 within the boundaries of ANC 1C. Tragically, 553 residents have lost their lives as a result of COVID-19;

Whereas, on Monday, June 22, 2020, the District of Columbia entered into Phase Two reopening based on the Department of Health's (DOH) evaluation of certain criteria and metrics including the following:

- Community Spread: Including a sustained fourteen (14)-day decrease in community spread and low transmission rate of  $R_t < 1$  for five (5) days;
- Testing Capacity: Broadly and readily available free testing for District residents and persons who work in the District who feel they need to be tested, and a positivity rate of less than fifteen percent (15%) for seven (7) days;
- Health Care System Capacity: Including a sufficient healthcare capacity with hospital occupancy under eighty percent (80%) for over fourteen (14) days, without resort to surge capacity; and
- Public Health System Capacity: Including a sufficient contact tracing system for COVID-19 cases with over ninety percent (90%) of persons newly diagnosed with COVID-19 contacted within one (1) day of DC Health's notification of their case and attempts to contact ninety percent (90%) of close contacts within two (2) days of notification.

Whereas, in Phase Two reopening, restaurant service is limited to outdoor service and indoor service up to 50% capacity to seated patrons only, with tables placed so that patrons are at least 6 feet apart, or to carryout service. Bar areas must remain closed to patrons for seating and standing. Tables are limited to 6 persons;

Whereas, in Phase Two reopening, non-essential retail establishments are permitted to begin in-store service to patrons with capacity limits (not to exceed 50% of maximum allowed occupancy), with rigorous safeguards and physical distancing to reduce risk for all;

Whereas, COVID-19 spreads through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs;

Whereas, face coverings are now widely recognized as one of the strongest protections we can collectively implement against the spread of COVID-19. Scientific evidence shows that when combined with other health and safety practices, wearing face coverings permits the safe resumption of the additional activities allowed in our phased reopening. By doing so, we not only protect our fellow community members but ultimately ourselves and our loved ones, especially the most vulnerable. “My mask protects you, and your mask protects me.” With the collective action of wearing face coverings, we are better able to safely resume activities;

Whereas, a face covering can be made of cloth, fabric, or other permeable material, should not have holes or valves, and can often be laundered or reused unless damaged;

Whereas, for the foreseeable future, face coverings are required when inside of non-essential and essential businesses;

Whereas, as the District progresses through phased reopening, the inevitable increase of in-person interactions will escalate the risk of virus transmission. We must have corresponding public health measures taken to protect those around us during the phased reopening;

Whereas, residents, workers, businesses and visitors in Adams Morgan have a shared responsibility to each other and towards the protection and betterment of public health;

Whereas, the Adams Morgan Pedestrian Zone (AMPZ) pilot program provided for the expansion of pedestrian space on the 2300-2400 blocks of 18th Street to enable the people of and visitors to Adams Morgan to remain safe and physically distant;

Whereas, the AMPZ first took place on June 26, June 27 and June 28, 2020. ANC 1C takes all feedback, expressions of concern and experiences of the first weekend of the AMPZ pilot seriously. ANC 1C is committed to improving upon the success of the first weekend of the AMPZ and supports a temporary pause of the AMPZ in order to incorporate the learnings of the first weekend;

Whereas, ANC 1C will work to adjust and fine-tune the Adams Morgan Pedestrian Zone to continually meet its original goal as a public health and safety measure, from the perspective of the existing public health emergency and as an on-going transportation safety measure;

**Be it resolved**, ANC 1C urges the Mayor and the Council to require that every person, including police officers of any agency and other District personnel, over the age of five (5) wear a mask while on streets or sidewalks containing a streatery, or in the public space adjacent thereto, except while eating or drinking.

**Be it further resolved**, ANC 1C urges the Mayor and the Council to require businesses to take reasonable measures, such as posting signs, to remind their customers and the public of the requirement that they wear a face covering while in a streatery, or in the public space adjacent thereto, except while eating or drinking as customers of an establishment. Businesses should be strongly encouraged to refuse service to customers not complying.

**Be it further resolved**, ANC 1C urges the Mayor and the Department of Health to provide an appropriate number of on-site personnel to assist in the implementation of the education and public health promotion and mitigation strategies called for by this resolution, together with enforcement of prior Executive Orders.

Enforcement of these requirements should focus on educating and working to promote the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19. A person violating these requirements shall be informed of these requirements and given a reasonable opportunity to comply. The intent of this resolution is to ensure that, except while eating or drinking, all people who are in the streateries, or on streets or sidewalks containing a streatery, wear a face covering to reduce the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19.

Any person who cannot wear a face covering because of a medical condition, mental health condition, or developmental disability, or who is unable to remove the face covering without assistance, shall be exempt from this requirement. Such a person is not required to produce medical documentation of the condition.