

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN, ARIZONA, REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN YOUNGTOWN, ARIZONA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA'S JUNE 19, 2020 REGULATIONS REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN MARICOPA COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a disease dangerous to public health which spreads easily, quickly, and undetected because people who have caught it are contagious but may never show symptoms, be in the early stages of the disease when they do not have symptoms, or have mild symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 can lead to severe respiratory illness, permanent damage to vital organs, and death; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with certain underlying medical conditions of any age and the elderly are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no vaccine, treatment, or cure for COVID-19 and without vaccine, treatment, or cure, individuals must together prevent exposure to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, Governor Douglas A. Ducey issued Executive Order No. 2020-36 which ordered entities such as the Town of Youngtown to develop policies which ensure physical distancing and provide for necessary protection equipment, the purpose of which is “to ensure that the State of Arizona continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Youngtown supports Governor Douglas A. Ducey’s phased approach to allow businesses to remain open in a safe and healthy manner while maintaining healthcare capacity and avoiding crisis standard of care to respond to COVID-19 by taking actions to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health has found that the number of people diagnosed with COVID-19 in Maricopa County per day is steadily increasing because of increased community spread; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2020, Arizona Governor Douglas A. Ducey issued Executive Order No. 2020-40, which finds that face coverings are effective in preventing the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 20-40 declares that a county, city, or town “may, based on conditions in its jurisdiction, adopt policies regarding the wearing of face coverings in public for the purpose of mitigating the spread of COVID-19”; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2020, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors adopted Regulations Requiring Face Coverings in Maricopa County for both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County (the County’s Regulations”); and

**WHEREAS**, Maricopa County “encourages cities and towns in Maricopa County to adopt regulations at least as restrictive” as the County’s Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Youngtown is within its powers to take measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of and reduce the harm to residents and visitors within its town limits from the spread of COVID-19, specifically its police powers as a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, including A.R.S. § 9-240(B)(22) which gives the town the power to take any action and prescribe regulations, which may be necessary or expedient for the prevention or suppression of disease; and as a power reserved to the States under the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael LeVault, Mayor of the Town of Youngtown, Arizona, by the authority vested in me by the urgency of the circumstances, the law recited above, and my prior emergency proclamation, hereby do proclaim and order the following:

Section 1. That a public health emergency continues to exist in the Town of Youngtown and that action is required to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Youngtown.

Section 2. That the Town of Youngtown hereby adopts the County Regulations and incorporates them herein for all persons in the Town of Youngtown.

Section 3. That the Town of Youngtown hereby educate the public on the dangers of community spread of COVID-19 and promoting best health practices to achieve the goals of the County Regulations.

Section 4. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity affects no other provision or application of this Order. Those provisions that remain valid shall be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable.

Section 5. This Order shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency or until lawfully amended or terminated.

Section 6. In order to protect public health and safety if is hereby declared that an emergency exists and that this Order shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ISSUED** by the Mayor of the Town of Youngtown, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020.



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Michael LeVault, Mayor