

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 26, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called/Emergency Meeting on Friday, June 26, 2020, at 1:06 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Gerard Hudspeth and Council Members Keely Briggs, Jesse Davis, John Ryan, Deb Armintor, and Paul Meltzer

ABSENT: None

Note: Mayor Chris Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Gerard Hudspeth, and Council Members Keely Briggs, Jesse Davis, John Ryan, Deb Armintor and Paul Meltzer participated in the special called/emergency meeting via teleconference under the provisions allowed by the Texas Government Code Section 551.127.

The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation at this virtual meeting. While citizen commentary received via the online registration process is not read, each member of the City Council received each registration as it was submitted.

1. ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. ID 20-1255 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, confirming the effective period of the declared state of local disaster; superseding and replacing the Sixth Order of Council of the City of Denton issued June 23, 2020 approved by ordinance 20-1199, to provide additional requirements and guidance, including requiring certain businesses to implement a Health and Safety Policy; confirming the expenditure of funds; providing a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-1255

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A. All members of the City Council received the comments as submitted and had the opportunity to review all submissions prior to the start of the meeting and consider such comments when voting on the item.

Mayor Watts announced the summary of public commentary/registrations. See Exhibit A for details.

- 84 Online: 68 in Support and 16 in Opposition
- 6 Call-ins: 4 in Support and 2 in Opposition

Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth arrived at 2:00 p.m.

Discussion continued.

Council Member Armintor moved to adopt the item with the following changes:

- Amend Section 5 as follows: [underline/italics added for emphasis]
 - Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2020 (“Effective Date”) and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on August 4, 2020, unless extended, modified, or terminated early:
 - a. From the Effective Date of this Order, must develop and implement a health and safety policy (“Policy”) within five (5) calendar days. The Policy must require... coverings that cover the nose and mouth when in an area or member of the public entering the business.
 - d. The requirement of a face covering does not apply if covering the nose and mouth poses a significant mental or physical health risk to the individual. A face shield is advised to be worn in the event a face covering cannot be safely worn. The requirement of a face covering also does not apply when an individual is consuming a food or beverage or receiving a service where the wearing of a face covering would impair the performance of the service.
- Modify Section 7 as follows:
 - Violations of any provision of this Order ... may be enforced in accordance with state law or city ordinance.

Motion seconded by Council Member Davis.

Discussion continued.

The Special Called/Emergency Meeting was recessed at 2:40 p.m. to allow Staff to make the requested changes to the proposed Order and reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

A revised Order incorporating the requested changes was provided to the City Council and discussion continued on the proposed changes.

Council Member Armintor republished her motion to adopt the item as amended with the corresponding changes noted above. Council Member Davis republished his second to the amending motion.

Discussion continued with other requested changes. Therefore, the Special Called/Emergency meeting was recessed at 4:03 p.m. to allow that the proposed changes be incorporated into the Order.

A revised Order incorporating the requested changes was provided to the City Council and discussion continued.

Following discussion, Council Member Armintor modified her amending motion to adopt the item with the following changes:

5. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2020 ("Effective Date") and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on August ~~4XX~~, 2020, unless extended, modified, or terminated early:
- a. From the Effective Date of this Order, all commercial and non-profit entities in the City of Denton providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("Policy") within five (5) calendar days. The Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees and visitors to the entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth when in an area or while performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public. The Policy may allow individuals with an operational need to remove a face covering so long as such operational needs are specifically addressed in the Policy. The Policy may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. The Policy must be posted at or near the entrance of any commercial or non-profit entity in the City of Denton in clear view of any employees or members of the public entering the business. The requirement of a face covering does not apply if covering the nose and mouth poses a significant mental or physical health risk to the individual. If possible, a face shield is recommended to be worn in the event a face covering cannot be safely worn. The requirement of a face covering also does not apply when an individual is consuming a food or beverage or receiving a service where the wearing of a face covering would impair the performance of the service.
 - b. Outdoor gatherings in excess of 100 people are prohibited unless specifically permitted by GA-28.
 - c. ~~All~~ In all public areas not subject to paragraph 5a, all people 10 years or older are strongly urged to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth ~~when~~ where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve proximity with coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarves, bandanas, or a handkerchief. City of Denton residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home.
 - d. ~~The requirement of a face covering does not apply if covering the nose and mouth poses a significant mental or physical health risk to the individual. The requirement of a face covering also does not apply when an individual is consuming a food or beverage or receiving a service where the wearing of a face covering would impair the performance of the service.~~ 7. —Violations of any provision of Paragraph 5a this Order may be enforced by Denton police officers, building enforcement officers, zoning compliance officers, or community improvement services officers. Each day this Order is violated is a separate offense. Violations of this Order Paragraph 5a may be enforced in accordance with city ordinance.
- ~~7. —Violations of any provision of this Order may be enforced by Denton police officers, building enforcement officers, zoning compliance officers, or community improvement services officers. Each day this Order is violated is a separate offense. Violations of this Order may be enforced in accordance with city ordinance.~~

Council Member Davis, who seconded the original motion, confirmed his second to the modified/amending motion. Motion carried.

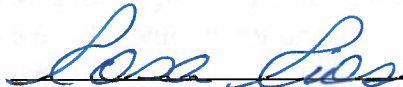
AYES (7): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer

NAYS (0): None

With no further business, the Special Called/Emergency Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

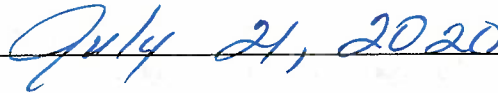


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ROSA RIOS
CITY SECRETARY
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MINUTES APPROVED ON:



June 26, 2020 City Council Emergency Meeting - EXHIBIT A

**Speaker Commentaries/Registrations
Online, Email, Phone**

Name	Last	Address	Address Line 2	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Christine	Atkinson	3195 Izabella Ct		Frisco	20-1255	Against	Online	None Provided
Jayden	atkinson	3195 Izabella Ct		Frisco	20-1255	Against	Online	None Provided
Brian	Beck	124 Mill Pond Rd		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	PLEASE READ THIS ALOUD DURING COMMENTS: Please support not only this ordinance but also increase it with a friendly amendment to include BOTH mandatory employee and mandatory patron masking. Masking protects those around the masked person regardless of status. Please give BOTH business employees AND patrons the protections they need to mitigate continued increasing spread of CoV-2 while engaging in needed commerce.
Larry	Beck	2301 Paxton Way		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Mandating at a mere minimum for enclosed businesses to require a face mask from all patrons should be adopted. One's personal freedom does not allow them to act irresponsibly and endanger their fellow citizens by potentially spreading this deadly virus, which is seeing its second surge not only in our community and the state, but across this country. Please act responsibly to safeguard our vulnerable populations. Our daughter died in mid April this year from COVID-19 complications. Taking every step reasonable, including a mandate for all citizens to wear masks is a small part of what you as our representatives can do to insure other parents don't lose their children or grandparents to this growing pandemic.
Roseann	Beck	2301 Paxton Way		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Further mandated restrictions are necessary for the health and safety of our community. Among other things, requiring masks on all people in public places will help to slow the spread of this disease and protect the workers who have no option to stay home. The science has been clear on the effectiveness of masks and it is time for the policy to follow.
Nathan	Bell	1108 N. Elm St	Apt. 9	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	None Provided
Lachlan	Benford	1216 Broadway St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	None Provided
Tess	Bratton	501 S Locust St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	We must be considerate of our neighbor and wear a mask to protect them so they may show us the same respect. On June 1st, Denton County only had 25 cases of COVID-19. As of June 24, 2020, the county has 115 cases. Our numbers have quadrupled in only a matter of weeks. Our community has witnessed 37 deaths total, which not might not seem like a lot, yet these are individuals with families losing their lives. We must enforce masks to be worn in public areas to save potentially hundreds of people.
Angela	Brewer	2205 Arrowhead Dr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Masks save lives. It is really that simple. We must take the guidance of public health experts during this pandemic above all others, and public health experts are speaking with one voice: masks save lives. It seems that we rarely have the opportunity to do this much good for so little cost. I implore the council members today to base their decision in clear scientific data, not in the political rhetoric and emotional appeals that have come to dominate the public discourse surrounding masks.
Paula	Brunson	1803 Vintage Dr		Corinth	20-1255	Against	Online	I don't want masks to be mandated. It should be a personal choice. Denton has done a great job of flattening the curve and we don't want to be like the big cities. If people want to wear a mask they should but if I don't want to wear one I shouldn't have to. If we are especially distancing then the mask doesn't matter. Most people don't even wear them correctly anyhow. Our businesses have suffered enough. They should be focused on getting people back to work and let us as individuals care for us.
Angela	Calcaterra	2106 Southridge Dr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please mandate masks indoors at all local businesses. I am part-owner of a yoga studio and am concerned about peoples' confusion regarding when masks are useful and when they are not. Local leaders' lack of action on masks has created divisions among my business partners and a lack of clarity on best practices. The city needs to take a firm stance on this in order to protect our citizens and prevent confusion and inaction. I appreciate so much that the council is holding this meeting.
Keri	Canuthers	2101 Savannah Tr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I am FOR implementing health and safety standards, i.e., mandatory masks, for our local businesses. If we do not do this now, in two weeks we will regret it. We have not been able to rely on the general population to wear masks. We are not yet seeing what Houston is seeing, and if we are PROACTIVE NOW, maybe it will protect our community. Please, for the protection of the service industry and other essential workers, place a temporary mask requirement for all businesses.

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Dharma	Casey	1216 Broadway St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	We need action from leadership to uphold social distancing. Please make people wear masks in public. Without word from city officials, I can't convince enough people to wear masks even though I've been providing free masks to those I encounter in our community.
Amelia S. Deborah	Clark Cosimo	816 Emery St 1107 Bolivar St		Denton Denton	20-1255 20-1255	For For	Online Online	None Provided Business' Health and Safety Policy should include a mandatory mask policy for both employees AND customers when inside a building. Common sense in the time of a pandemic requires it. Masks reduce exposure. Reduce exposure to COVID-19, reduce the burden on our healthcare system. Reduce exposure to COVID-19, reduce the long-term economic impact of this disease, as evidenced by countries in Europe that implemented stringent requirements. Protect the residents of Denton to the extent possible.
Vincent	Cosimo	1107 Bolivar St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	As a person in several high risk categories it would make me safer if all wore masks inside businesses, given the current Covid situation this is essential.
Janell	Cottam	3925 N. Elm St	Apt 5221	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	It is time that we appreciate we are ALL part of a community and must each do our part to prevent the spread of Covid-19. We must protect those who support our town by working to keep businesses open, by requiring not just they, but those they are serving wear protective face coverings such as masks. To only require the servers and workers to be masked is not effective enough and unfairly burdens them if not requiring ALL to wear masks.
Lanie	Craig	900 Londonderry Ln	Apt 117	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Mandatory mask is needed to help keep our citizens safe as possible. Please also take restaurants back to to go and delivery only.
CHRIS	Craig	900 Londonderry Lane	Apt 117	DENTON	20-1255	For	Online	Please make masks mandatory, if 8 out of 10 wear a mask and are in the same room what is the point?
Laurel	Crawford	1509 Creek Avenue		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I want to strongly urge you to require masks in all Denton businesses and public buildings—for all employees and all customers—and for any large outdoor gatherings. Wearing a mask is not a big ask and the efficacy of mask-wearing is supported by an overwhelming amount of public health data. It is not fair to place the burden of enforcing basic public health measures on individuals, particularly employees who don't have the choice to avoid exposure.
Jeff	Dachroeden	1500 Morin Dr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please make masks mandatory for anyone entering inside of a building. By not requiring every customer to wear masks, employees and other customers are being put at risk. I have yet to see ANY other issue that has had so much public support with only the bare minimum being done. It is shameful to continue using "personal responsibility" as an excuse when infection numbers have climbed so drastically.
Jennifer	Davis Anderson	2604 Pinto St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	MASKS, MASKS, MASKS! A city wide ordinance would help business owners stay open, employees have back up when enforcing, and protect the vulnerable in our community. It's unfortunate that we are at a point we have to FORCE people to care about their neighbor but here we are.....
Zita	DeGraffenreid	819 Cordell St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	None Provided
Susan	Dodge	716 W. Mulberry St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	None Provided
Maria	Ellis	16104 Bentbrook Blvd		Prosper	20-1255	Against	Online	I believe face coverings should be a personal choice, a recommendation, not a mandate/order from the government. We live in a free country, and the government continually want to infringe on these rights. When you look at the numbers as a whole population, very small amount in Denton County. Please let it continue to be a recommendation, not a requirement, because businesses will suffer, people who won't/cant wear them will go elsewhere to shop/eat, spend their money, not in Denton County.
Gena	Felker	2205 North Lake Trail		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	With 2-AM cases in the US and 120K deaths, we are at 5%-6% immunity. We need at LEAST 60% to obtain herd immunity. Almost 200M people need to contract the virus and 10 MILLION DIE! Please think about the people that you may be bringing this home to while trying to satisfy your immediate wants. You could kill your parents, grandparents, friends, strangers, AND THE HOSPITAL STAFF THAT WE ALL DESPERATELY NEED! I am a cancer patient and shouldn't be considered collateral damage. MANDATORY MASKS!!!!
Madeline	Fink	2408 Salado St		Denton	20-1255	Against	Online	I am against this proposal, because I believe it needs to go further. Both employees AND visitors to businesses should be required to wear masks. Masks keep the wearer from spreading germs. Requiring only employees to wear masks leaves them vulnerable. Please act to protect our workers who are already risking their health. Please protect my family members and friends who work in these positions. Some businesses and counties have already required masks for all, it can be done. Thank you.
Joel	Fink	819 Cordell St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	All people need to wear masks while they are inside businesses. We need to protect our citizens and especially all the employees who are working to provide goods and services for us all.

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Janet	Glowicz	8017 Stallion St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please consider adding the use of face shields (not goggles) as an appropriate face cover. Face shields provide the user with eye protection, are more comfortable, less error prone, and stop people from touching their face. Eye protection is recommended for all healthcare personnel in areas with COVID transmission. But most people are getting COVID on the community. This additional piece of protective equipment could help reduce transmission and keep the city open.
Jennifer	Gray	1219 bolivar St	C	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please help protect our community and keep the spread of covid down by mandating mask usage in public as part of the additional requirements.
Victoria	Griffith	1580 Tiff Circle		Argyle	20-1255	For	Online	Everyone needs to wear a mask. It really hurts no one but can certainly help. It is an easy, cheap, pain free solution. Similar to seat belt laws. Easy to use. And if you use it incorrectly, it will not work, but just do what you should do- wear it!
Jeffrey	Haacker	117 Mill Pond Rd		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please allow ALL businesses, including our city offices, to require all visitors to wear masks. It's not enough that employees wear masks for customer safety, we should care just as much about the safety of employees. Close the north branch library to the public and allow them to continue curbside services and by appointment only. It's too soon to allow so many people back in these not well ventilated areas, especially without requiring masks, when we can get the same service through drive-thru.
Tyler	Harden	1116 Crescent St		Denton	20-1255	Against	Online	This policy continues to put residents at risk as many residents have refused to wear masks for the health and safety of others. For masks to be effective, everyone needs to cover their face. The time to "wait and see" whether stricter government action is warranted is well past due: cases of COVID-19 have only increased since local stay-at-home orders ended.
Jon	Hohman	Not Provided		Denton	20-1255	Not Stated	Telephone	In favor of mandate as long as it has realistic exemptions. Questions on how people will be protected who have legitimate reasons for not wearing masks if exceptions are in place. Address method by which the hearing impaired and individuals affected by domestic violence/rape are affected by masks. CDC doesn't require masks if social distancing by 6ft and if masks required, contradicting that. Should offer vitamin supplements to increase immune system.
Nataly	Huddleston	16009 Alvarado Dr		Prosper	20-1255	Against	Online	The data is fraudulent. The messages given to the public are misleading and will be disproved in the coming months and years. Continuing to restrict liberties on fraudulent information is positioning the counties/cities as well as the officials for future lawsuits that will have undeniable evidence to substantiate. The residence of Texas will not continue to accept the overreach. Statistical analysis easily dispels the fraud.
Kiara	Hunter	915 Coit St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I am for a face mask ordinance that requires face masks or coverings inside businesses. I am also in support of businesses who do not comply with this ordinance facing fines up to \$500 per violation.
Ryan	Hurn	1013 Panhandle St		Denton	20-1255	Not Stated	Telephone	There is a lot of strange information people are disseminating. Has relative experienced with equipment to use in these circumstances, per OSHA. Need to have something enforceable when it comes to public protection. Wearing a mask is a bare minimum of protection, while imperfect, it is still a necessary one as it is a preventative measure.
Jodi	Ismert	819 Anna St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please require face masks at all business establishments including but not limited to grocery stores, bars, restaurants (while not eating), outdoor venues where crowds will gather. The only exception to wearing a mask in public should be if someone is taking a walk, jog, or cycling not in a group of more than 2 from their household. The Texas heat can be dangerous if a face covering is mandated during outdoor exercise and outdoors is less risky when not in a crowd. Otherwise, masks everywhere.
James	Jackson	2007 Teasley Ln	#206	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please enforce an ordinance for Denton that will require masks to be worn in all inside public areas and outside in populated areas. Your guidance will back up businesses and give us a greater chance of less cases thus lightening the load of hospitals. Please also consider providing aid to local businesses and rent/utility forgiveness for Denton residents who are still struggling from the effects COVID-19 has had on our economy.
Catherine Jared	Janacek Janacek	3604 Big Horn Trail 3604 Big Horn Trail		Denton Denton	20-1255 20-1255	Against Against	Online Online	Please do not mandate masks. Individual freedom shall not be hampered upon by the fearful and un-scientific cries from the populace, statistically speaking this virus is no more harmful than the common flu. You risk setting precedents that could be recalled in the future public panic. Utilize the statistical facts in front of you, Less than 25% of the population of Denton County is currently infected. This virus is not fatal in 99.7% of infections. Don't let panic rule the day. Use science to guide your decision.
Christina	Jones	200 Sawyer Avenue		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I am FOR this item ONLY IF it includes a city-wide mandate to wear masks in public spaces. I am AGAINST it if it only enforces masks on local workers who are already mostly following protocol. Placing the onus on businesses to enforce mask-wearing to their customers is dangerous to frontline workers and shows that city council has little regard for their wellbeing. We've seen people becoming violent over this issue. Set a mandate so the workers don't have to pay the price for selfishness.

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Rachel	Kircaid	109 Massey St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	IF, EVEN IN THE FACE OF THESE RISING COVID NUMBERS, WE MUST REMAIN OPEN THEN WE MUST ALSO TAKE ANY AND ALL PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT LIVES. Please vote to require all patrons AND staff wear masks in public, keep social distancing, and practice heightened sanitation. I will remember and widely share with my fellow Dentonites who amongst you is a willingly communicative, positive, and responsive participant of our community's leadership when the time comes to vote again. Thank you for saving lives
Jayne	Kiraly	2214 Archer Trail		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please implement a mask requirement in the city. Protect our citizens
Jennifer	Lane	DO NOT LIST ADDRESS		Denton	20-1255	Not Stated	Telephone	Need to include standard for Point 5 D on it not affecting personal health; there are individuals showing up with a fraudulent card that they are exempt from wearing a mask and that does not exist; need to make requirement effective immediately. Need educational process. Also need to include information on the safety of employees wearing masks for the safety of the customer, masks will promote expeditious shopping and time outside; employees are made safe. Appreciates the step that Council is taking.
Colin	Large	309 W. Hickory Street, Apt C		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	None Provided
Kathryn	Lindsay	2031 Malone St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Due to the current issues of COVID-19 in our county...I believe, masks should be required within buildings. As individuals we are responsible to each other. As a retired operating room RN of 40 years, wearing a masks does not limit ones rights as an American, but serves to protect America.
Jack	Linehan	501 S Locust St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Thank you in advance for your consideration- Considering the overwhelming evidence that wearing a mask protects OTHERS, I urge the council to vote for this emergency order. I feel many are confused as to the "point" of masks and I feel you, as our leaders, should bare the responsibility of conveying this simple fact to our confused community. Employees wearing masks is rendered pointless if the countless customers are doing nothing to stop THEIR potential spread. This shouldn't be politicized
Rhonda	Love	1921 Hollyhill Lane		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	None Provided
Gary	Matthews	2206 Westview Trail		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please include a requirement that all businesses require that masks or face coverings be worn by all employees AND customers due to the increase in positive cases of COVID-19 and the surge of patients seeking hospital care. There should also be enforced penalties for failure to follow new requirements. As the parent of a local health care worker, I believe it is imperative that we take additional steps to mitigate the spread of this horrible disease and protect our city.
Elizabeth	Matthews	2206 Westview Trail		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please implement a city-wide mandate for businesses and organizations requiring that masks be worn when people are in shared public spaces, especially indoors. Both of our local universities have passed resolutions requiring employees and students be masked in enclosed areas. It is crucial that health care workers be protected as well. Our daughter is an RN at a Denton hospital, and we are very concerned about the surge in infections and hospitalizations. Save Denton before it's too late.
Kathryn	Maughan	625 W Hickory St		Denton	20-1255	Against	Online	This policy would continue to put residents at risk and leaves service industry workers, grocery store employees, or others in customer service positions vulnerable. For masks to be effective, everyone needs to cover their face. The council needs to do more to stop the spread of COVID-19.
Sarah	Merriweather	1809 Crow St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	It would be nice if we could trust people to be looking out for our community rather than their individual preferences. But one trip to the grocery store or post office (necessities) will tell you that's not the case. Please help to keep our city safe by mandating masks in public. Leadership is about community. And a leader's primary job is to make decisions that are in the best interest of the community. No one can argue the science of masks helping to protect our community. Thank you.
Ashleigh	Milam	1201 Cleveland St	Apt 814-D	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	The City of Denton should heavily consider implementing ID 20-1255 and requiring the use of masks in businesses. Our city has residents who are over sixty and residents who have medical conditions which make them vulnerable to COVID-19. We must protect these citizens. While they may be our most vulnerable right now, they are not our most disposable. We also have many residents who live in communal living environments. Dallas and Fort Worth already require masks. Let's do our part.
Spencer	Moses	207 W Oak St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I fully support a mandatory mask ordinance and I would like to see an increasing fine structure in place for repeat offenders. Start at a warning + given a mask, then \$500, then \$1000 and adding an extra \$500 for each subsequent violation.
Wanda	Needleman	1910 Emerson Lane		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please extend the declaration of disaster Please mandate the wearing of masks for all where social distancing is not possible such as in businesses and crowded outdoor spaces ...please mandate social distancing everywhere in the city of no less than six feet

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Samantha	Nikolai	7009 Bishop Pine Road		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please require masks in Denton. I am considered high risk due to several pre-existing conditions. Currently, it is not safe for me to leave my home. I worry about having a pre-existing issue pop up and being unable to seek quality care because, once again, our beds are full of covid patients. This is not an individual issue. It is a community issue. We've seen other states who adopted the more community oriented mindset have success in slowing the spread. Let's do the same in Denton.
Liliana	O'Connor	3305 Heather Ln		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	None Provided
Jessica	O'Brien	816 N. Bell Ave		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I'm for requiring people to wear masks to help protect residents and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Denton.
Robert	Oehlschlager	321 Panhandle St		Denton	20-1255	Against	Online	Assuming the agenda item is requiring EVERYONE to wear a face covering when entering a business, yes. Assuming the agenda item requires EVERYONE who congregates outside and 6' social distancing is not practical or enforced to wear a mask, yes. Our community is filled with folks who do not wish to comply with requirements to wear face coverings, citing freedom. Provide for enforcement. The lives of the many are more important than the inconvenience of the few. Lead boldly. Set the good example.
Shaureece Rhianon	Park Price	1913 Sena St 1618 Kendolph Dr		Denton Denton	20-1255 20-1255	For For	Online Online	Please make a city ordinance requiring people to wear masks in public. Please require face masks in ALL public areas outside of one's home or personal vehicle. The science is clear - masks worn en masse reduce the spread of C-19. We can't afford for cases to continue to rise like they currently are! Hospitals are filling up and we are at risk of another, probably wider-spread shutdown. Literal lives and livelihoods are at stake. It's a matter of public safety, just like speed limits and seat belts, not an attack on personal liberties. PLEASE require masks!
Jeff	Pritts	3100 Town Trail Center		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I am all for enforcing the wearing of mask in our hotel and convention center as well as all public places in Denton. Masks are proven to reduce the spread of the virus. We require all of our team members to get temp checked and wear a mask. We need help with it being mandatory so we can enforce to our guests. We are trying to roll this out soon and if it is mandated we can be successful. We will not lose customers for it, we will save them.
Tina	Reisland	704 Chisholm Trail		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please protect the health and safety of Denton residents.
Kaitlin	Robbins	1807 Boyd		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please require masks be worn in public and inside local businesses! Our economy will be hurting much worse if we continue to sit idly by and let this virus infect people. Your citizens rely on you to govern, please do your jobs!
George	Roland	2704 Clarendon Dr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I hope adoption of a mask requirement for public areas in the City of Denton will be seriously discussed as part of the Safety Plan moving forward.
Sarah	Roland	903 N. Elm Street		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I am for the adoption of requiring masks and closing all non-essential businesses at this time.
Tracy	Runnels	7000 Chaucer Dr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I urge you to enact a city-wide masking initiative for customers and employees while indoors and interacting with others in public places. For the safety and protection of all our residents and workers. Please consider utilizing CARES funds for PPE to offer disposable masks to small businesses that request them for themselves or their customers. Thank you!
Tina	Sheffield	2100 Parkside Drive		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please issue a mandate to wear masks.
Katie	Singleton	10176 Claiborne Lane		Frisco	20-1255	Against	Online	With two kids dying while wearing a mask during school and the health risk and dangers associated with mask, it's not a matter of if, but WHEN more deaths and mental health issues comes a spot light, I will have done my part to warn the city and will save this message as proof. Please do not mandate a mask while death rates are going down. We can do better.
Lisa	Smith	3409 Seaside Dr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I strongly support mandates to increase overall health & safety of citizens. Masks are a first line of defense solution to significantly reduce local transmission of covid19. If the county will not put the safety of their citizens ahead of a small minority of vocal anti-mask people, it is your job to protect as many citizens as possible. Masks allow people to still spend money (creating tax dollars for Denton) but protect us. It is a reasonable step before shelter in place is needed to contain.
Juergen	Stegmair	1607 Millview Pl		Carrollton	20-1255	For	Online	Please vote for mandating face masks in Denton County to prevent further spread of Covid-19.
Anne	Sullivan	2225 Pembroke Place		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please consider passing an ordinance requiring face masks in public spaces. We cannot wait any longer for the Governor or the County to do the right thing to protect our citizens. The decision, and our health, are now in your hands. Please do the right thing.
Susan	Thornton	301 Coronado Dr	Apr 1038	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Masks should be required inside businesses. I work at the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center and, if we are unable to require masks, our community groups that meet here could easily and unintentionally spread the virus to their families and the rest of the community.
Shawnee	Tuscani	1520 Morin Dr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	None Provided

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Megan	Tye	1712 Knight St		Argyle	20-1255	Against	Online	I am against mandatory face-masks for the healthy population. They don't stop the spread of a virus that travels through very fine aerosol particles, which Covid does. Stop tramping on our freedoms to appease the group-think mob rule of mass panic & rash decisions. Study real science that doesn't adhere to a political agenda. Make decisions based on truth/facts & not just give people a false sense of security. Please don't follow in the footsteps of Dallas or California, we all know they're lame.
Dana	Vick	3657 Tuscan Hills Cir		Denton	20-1255	Against	Online	After months of watching govts make 1 poor decision after another and flip flop endlessly on masks and other things, we know what this is, it's a virus. There is no vaccine, many will get it and we'll reach herd immunity. This is science. What I've witnessed isn't science. It's vague political speak for control. The data doesn't support lock downs and mandatory masks; caution yes, voluntary masks, sure. Social distance, if you feel like it. But please stop controlling us like we're children.
Joel	Vick	3657 Tuscan Hills Circle		Denton	20-1255	Against	Online	Please vote against this. Government after government, city, county, state and federal have missed so badly on the collective response to covid for 3 months. Like you'd be fired w the accuracy that has been displayed in all this. How confident are you that this is the right call? The governor and CDC and fauci have all missed on many things throughout this. The fact that the virus is still spreading should convince you that all that has been done hasn't worked...right? Please don't do this.
Patricia	Watson	256 Cobblestone Row		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I support the adoption of an ordinance requiring citizens to wear masks in public in Denton. Precautions to protect citizens from the spread of COVID-19 have been reduced, rather than increased, as the number of cases in the city and county continue to grow. I encourage the city council to adopt an ordinance requiring the wearing of masks and enforcing social distancing in businesses within Denton.
Wendy	Watson	1000 W. Hickory St		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I urge the City of Denton to show leadership during this public health crisis by recognizing its magnitude and taking every available step to eliminate it. To that end, I urge the city to mandate wearing of masks in public and to enforce such an order diligently. Without coordinated effort by our entire community, COVID-19 will cause unnecessary death and economic devastation. Masks aren't fun, but they slow the spread of disease. We all need to do our part. Thank you for your consideration
Kristin	Whisitt	1412 Brandywine Circle		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I support the implementation of more stringent measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. I hope that a mask mandate is being considered, as that would be the most effective tool at our disposal.
Lisa	Wiedemer	1622 Nightingale		Corinth	20-1255	For	Online	Masks need to be mandatory. enough of seeing all of the selfish people who are affecting liv3s around them because they don't want to be unconvinced.
Heather	Williams	613 West Hickory	Unit 1	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please deal with the COVID disaster and offer help to Denton residence including renters. Increase food and necessary good distribution in the city.
Joleen	Wilson	2309 Tuboe Lane		Denton	20-1255	Against	Online	None. Provided
Heather	Windsor	3307 Friesian Ct		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Please mandate masks in public spaces. As a person in a high-risk category for COVID-19, this mandate would show me that the city does not consider my life or the lives of those like me expendable.
Natalie	Worsham	3691 Harvard Dr		Denton	20-1255	For	Online	I am FOR mandatory mask wearing. This is a matter of public health. Just encouraging is not working.
Anita	Zvaigzne	1701 W Oak St	Apt 107	Denton	20-1255	For	Online	Now is the time to avert an impending disaster that faces the City of Denton. Please require cloth masks to be worn in public. Mask wearing needs to be mandatory to protect the people living in Denton.

NOTE: Comments for those citizens addressing the City Council are an abbreviated summary.