

**EMERGENCY ORDERS FROM JACK SMILEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALTUS,
OKLAHOMA EFFECTIVE 7PM, AUGUST 21ST, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Altus Municipal Code, Part II, §14-1 through §14-12, and specifically §14-6 and §14-7, empowers the Mayor of the City of Altus (“City”) to proclaim the existence of an emergency and to issue emergency orders during a declared emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), and Jackson County Memorial Hospital recommend the wearing of face coverings in public settings to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 from person to person; and,

WHEREAS, THE Altus City Council extended the emergency period under Altus Municipal Code, Part II, §14-9; and,

WHEREAS, a significant increase in positive cases of COVID-19 continues in Altus and throughout the surrounding area of Southwest Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS, I, as the Mayor of the City of Altus, have an obligation and a desire to protect the public health without being forced to return to more drastic actions that could negatively affect local business.

THEREFORE, I, Jack Smiley, the Mayor of Altus, Oklahoma issue the following emergency orders.

EMERGENCY ORDERS

The following are orders and must be followed. Violation of these orders is a misdemeanor under Altus Municipal Code §14-11. These Orders supersede (replace) any prior emergency orders that were issued.

1. Face coverings must be worn in all indoor public places, (examples, without limitation, are: retail stores, restaurants, bars, houses of worship and any other businesses serving the public) including all city facilities within Altus city limits.
2. Face coverings must also be worn in all outdoor public areas within the Altus city limits at all times when social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons not residing in the same household cannot be maintained.
3. The following persons, locations and activities are excepted from the face covering requirement:
 - 3.01. Persons who should not wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or developmental disability under the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) guidelines.
 - 3.02. Persons exempt under the American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA).
 - 3.03. Children under five (5) years of age.
 - 3.04. Restaurant and bar patrons while eating or drinking.
 - 3.05. Settings when or where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, such as dental services, medical treatments or while swimming.
 - 3.06. Occupants in a personal vehicle, personal office, or similarly private space while other persons outside of the person’s household are not present.
 - 3.07. Private homes.

- 3.08. Offices and workplaces that are not public service areas where social distancing of at least six (6) feet between employees and other occupants can be consistently maintained during hours of operation.
- 3.09. Persons attending any indoor religious service or ceremony as long as all persons who do not live in the same household maintain proper social distancing of not less than six (6) feet from persons not in their immediate household.
- 3.10. Educational institutions that have adopted a plan to prevent the spread of COVID-19 that includes physical distancing and face covering mandates appropriate for the institutional environment.
- 4. All restaurants and bars within the Altus city limits must restrict occupancy to fifty percent (50%) of normal, permissible capacity and must comply with CDC guidelines for social distancing and sanitization.
- 5. Any informational, instructional or warning signage provided to businesses by the City of Altus must be prominently displayed at all entrances to the business upon receipt from the City.

WITNESS my hand as Mayor of the city of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, and affixed thereto on this the 21st day of August, 2020.



(SEAL)

Jack Smiley, Mayor

ATTEST:

for

Debbie Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Michael T. Beason, City Attorney