

**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 9
EXTENDING THE ORDER REQUIRING FACE
COVERINGS IN CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
BY
CARTER COUNTY INTERIM MAYOR PATTY WOODBY**

OCTOBER 30, 2020

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2020, Carter County Mayor Russell Barnett issued Executive Order No. 5 requiring face coverings to be worn in public within Carter County for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to the authority delegated to County Mayors via Executive Order No. 54 issued by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee; and

WHEREAS, due to the continuing threat posed to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Carter County and the surrounding region due to COVID-19, and pursuant to the authority delegated to County Mayors via Executive Orders No. 55 and 59 issued by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, Mayor Barnett subsequently issued Executive Orders No. 6 and 7 extending the requirement that face coverings be worn in public within Carter County for the continued protection of the public health, safety and welfare during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, most local and state health experts continue to stress the importance of wearing cloth or other face coverings in public settings to help slow the spread of COVID-19, and continuing to wear a face covering in public along with following social distancing guidelines and proper hygiene practices may prevent the need for more drastic public health interventions; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately in recent weeks the pandemic appears to be worsening in our region, the rate of hospitalizations due to the Coronavirus is increasing and the rate of positive COVID-19 cases has been steadily increasing in Carter County which has placed our county in the "red zone" according to the White House Coronavirus Task Force Guidelines for the first time; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the intensifying threat posed to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Carter County, it is in the public interest that this

Executive Order be issued once again extending the effective period of Mayoral Executive Order No. 5 Requiring Face Coverings in Carter County, Tennessee.

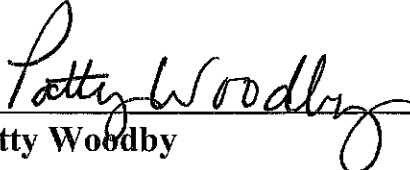
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patty Woodby, Interim Mayor of Carter County, Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the Interim Mayor of Carter County, and specifically pursuant to the authority delegated to me via Executive Orders No. 54, 55, 59 63 and 67 issued by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, do **HEREBY ISSUE THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER** and direct the following:

1. The face coverings requirement in Carter County, Tennessee as fully set forth in Mayoral Executive Order No. 5 dated July 15, 2020, which originally became effective at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on July 17, 2020, and which was set to expire at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 30, 2020 following its three (3) previous extensions, is hereby extended once again and shall now remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on December 29, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that local education agencies, schools and institutions of higher learning within Carter County are strongly encouraged to maintain their own policies requiring the use of face coverings by students, faculty and staff on their campuses, with appropriate exemptions, and consistent with any polices issued by the Tennessee Department of Education to ensure a safe learning environment for all students and a safe working environment for all faculty and staff. However, no such policy may prohibit a student, teacher, school employee, contractor, or visitor from voluntary wearing a face covering except to the extent that such face covering presents a safety or security risk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order is declared to be effective as of 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on October 30, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on December 29, 2020, unless it is necessary by subsequent Order to modify, withdraw or extend the same as permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Carter, Tennessee, to be affixed this the 30th day of October, 2020.



Patty Woodby
Interim Mayor
Carter County, Tennessee