



**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 7**  
**EXTENDING THE ORDER REQUIRING FACE**  
**COVERINGS IN CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**BY**  
**CARTER COUNTY MAYOR RUSSELL BARNETT**

**AUGUST 28, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 2020, I 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 me via Executive Order No. 54 issued by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 3, 2020, in light of the intensifying threats 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 me via Executive Order No. 55 issued by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, I issued Executive Order No. 6 extending the requirement that face coverings be worn in public within Carter County for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, after extensive consultation with our local and state health experts, there is a consensus that the wearing of cloth or other face coverings is helping to slow the spread of COVID-19, and continuing to wear a face covering in public along with following social distancing guidelines may prevent the need for more drastic measures which could be devastating for the local, state and national economies; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the continuing threat posed to the health, safety, and welfare of residents of Carter County, it is in the public interest that this Executive Order be issued and that the original Executive Order Requiring Face Coverings in Carter County, Tennessee be extended once again.

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

1. The face coverings requirement in Carter County as fully set forth in Mayoral Executive Order No. 5 dated July 15, 2020, which 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 August 29, 2020 following its previous extension, is hereby extended once again and shall now remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 30, 2020.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that local education agencies, schools and institutions of higher learning within Carter County are strongly encouraged to implement their own policies requiring the use of face coverings by students, faculty and staff on their campuses, with appropriate exemptions, and consistent with any policies 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 voluntarily 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 August 29, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time on September 30, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



**Russell Barnett**

**Carter County, Tennessee Mayor**