

RESOLUTION NO. 21-28

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE CURRENT MASK MANDATE PROMULGATED BY JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANY CITY FUNDS TO ENFORCE SUCH MANDATE.

WHEREAS, in March 2020 Jackson County Missouri via the County Executive first enacted a mask mandate related to the covid-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, during the past 21 months residents of Lee's Summit and Jackson County have been subject to a mask mandate for all but a few months; and,

WHEREAS, due to COVID's mutations for years to come and managing it by declaring mandates every time a new variant and/or spike in cases arises must not continue; and,

WHEREAS, also during that time a significant percentage of residents of the City of Lee's Summit and Jackson County have become fully vaccinated utilizing state of the art, effective vaccines; and,

WHEREAS, it is important for our local businesses and economy to thrive under these difficult conditions and mask requirements should be a choice of the business owner; and,

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2021 the Jackson County Legislature will consider another mask mandate applicable to citizens of the City of Lee's Summit; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of City of Lee's Summit is opposed to further mask mandates and instead urges Jackson County to simply recommend wearing masks when necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of City of Lee's Summit supports allowing individuals and businesses to determine the when masks should be used upon recommendation of our local health department; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lee's Summit desires to advise the City Manager regarding the use of City funds in furtherance of any mask mandate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri is opposed to further mask mandates and instead urges Jackson County to recommend wearing masks when advisable and necessary.

SECTION 2. The Council of the City of Lee's Summit considers the inconsistent and arbitrary decision making in regards to the COVID pandemic mandates as an abuse of power by Jackson County. Jackson County should consider the impact of their decision thru the consultation of the Jackson County municipal elected officials.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is instructed to refrain from assigning resources to enforce any County ordered mask mandate.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption, and approval by the Mayor.

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PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri this ____ day of December, 2021.

Mayor *William A. Baird*

ATTEST:

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian Head*