

**ORDINANCE NO.    of 2020**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5962 OF 2020 RELATIVE TO MASK WEARING IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19, TO CHANGE THE AGE AT WHICH MASKS MUST BE WORN, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopts the recitals of Ordinance No. 5962 of 2020;

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards has issued Proclamation Number 89 JBE 2020 mandating mask wearing state-wide;

WHEREAS, that proclamation mandates mask wearing for children ages eight and above while strongly encouraging mask wearing for children between the ages of two and seven years of age;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 5962 mandated children ages two years and older to wear masks;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission believes it appropriate to adjust the age provision of Ordinance No. 5962; and

WHEREAS, the need for said action is immediate and necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Ordinance No. 5962 is hereby amended to change the age requirement from two years of age to eight years of age by amending Subparagraph C.1. to read as follows:

**“C. Exemptions – Facial Coverings Not Required.**

Facial coverings are not required for the following persons:

1. Children under ~~two (2)~~ eight (8) years of age and any child while under the custody of a licensed childcare facility, including daycare centers;

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Approved as to legal form:**

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**Parish Attorney**

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**Date**