

AMENDED 9 13 2021  
**ORDINANCE NO. 86-21**

**AN ORDINANCE STRONGLY RECOMMENDING REQUIRING THOSE PERSONS ENTERING CONNEAUT CITY HALL AND REMAINING IN COMMON AREAS TO WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, Ashtabula County and the City of Conneaut have seen a surge in cases of the Delta variant of COVID-19 which has killed and hospitalized people, overwhelming medical providers and filling hospitals and Intensive Care Units; the Ohio Department of Health determined there were 46 new COVID-19 cases in Ashtabula County on September 7, 2021, the highest number since January 2021.

WHEREAS, the medical community has determined that face masks provide at least some measure of protection against the transmission of COVID-19, offering protection for the mask wearer and those coming into close contact with them and has further recommended wearing face coverings in enclosed indoor areas.

WHEREAS, the Conneaut Municipal Court has already issued an order requiring all persons entering the City Hall building for Court appearances and other court related business to wear face coverings as a preventative measure.

WHEREAS, the Conneaut City Council believes that people entering the building for non-court purposes wear face coverings not only for their own protection but for the protection of others.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. In the interests of public participation in local government, access to public buildings and the interest of public health and safety, the Council for the City of Conneaut hereby ~~strongly recommends~~ requires that all persons entering Conneaut City Hall for any reason and those remaining in common areas ~~should~~ shall wear a facial covering over their nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status. This Ordinance does not supersede or in any way interfere with any local Court order requiring face coverings for those entering the building for Court purposes nor does it interfere with any management directive requiring City employees to wear masks in common area of the building.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is declared an emergency measure in the interests of public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

Jon J. Amico  
President of Council

ATTEST:

Pamela O'Connell  
Clerk of Council

I, Pamela O'Connell, Clerk of the Council of the City of Conneaut, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Am Ord 8621 passed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 20 21 by said Council.

Pamela O'Connell  
Clerk of Council 9-20-21