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### **City of Wheat Ridge Issues Mask Order for All City Businesses** *Effective April 27 - May 30, 2020*

**WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. April 22, 2020** -- The Wheat Ridge City Manager has issued a new order requiring face coverings for anyone entering a Wheat Ridge business beginning April 27 – May 30, 2020. The mask order is intended to help keep employees, customers, and residents safe from contracting COVID-19.

The order applies to “critical business,” as defined by the Fourth Updated Health Order 20-24 of the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, and requires customers to:

- Wear medical or non-medical cloth face coverings, such as to cover their nose and mouth, when entering any such business and in conducting any interactions within such business.

“We realize this is more restrictive than any state-issued stay at home order or other public health order; however, the intent is to continue to control the spread of COVID-19 as we begin to reopen businesses,” stated Patrick Goff, Wheat Ridge city manager. “The Governor’s Safer At Home plan and measures like this new order requiring face masks be worn within Wheat Ridge businesses, will help to protect our community from the further spread of the virus.”

Persons violating the terms of this Order are subject to enforcement as a misdemeanor offense as provided in Section 6 of Resolution No. 16, Series of 2020.

### **About The City of Wheat Ridge**

The City of Wheat Ridge, located west of Denver with a population of 31,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The City was recently ranked Top Smallest City by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. Info about Wheat Ridge [ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://ci.wheatridge.co.us)

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