

RESOLUTION #5 of 2020

A Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency in the Town of Coushatta

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Coushatta does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards declared a Public State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to protect the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within the Town of Coushatta, that reasonable and prudent steps be taken to treat those infected with COVID-19 and to prevent, limit, and contain the potential community spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, in Section 3 of the Coushatta Town Charter gives the Mayor and Councilmen of the Town of Coushatta authority to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases within the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coushatta will abide by Proclamation number 89 JBE 2020, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:721, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:760 and Louisiana 29:761 under Governor Edwards mask mandate order; and

Now, Therefore, The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Coushatta do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Follow the statewide mask mandate guidelines ordered by Governor Edwards effective immediately on July 13, 2020 until further notice. The Mayor and Council will not opt out of Governor Edwards mask mandate because of the Low COVID-19 incidence.

Section 2. A mask mandate is hereby established for corporate limits beginning on July 13, 2020 and continuing until termination is otherwise given. The Mayor and Council at their discretion can authorize a mask mandate at any given date and time they deem necessary in the event of issuing a Declaration of a State of Emergency; and

Section 3. Any violation of the Executive Order is hereby enforceable in accordance with law. The Coushatta Police Department is hereby authorized and given full power to enforce this order within the jurisdiction. The Violation ordered by the governor as adopted by the town of Coushatta is punishable by a fine of 500.00 under the police powers of the Town of Coushatta to regulate for the general welfare and to quarantine for the health of its citizens. Pursuant to Section 3 of the Coushatta Town Charter.

A STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED to be in existence within the corporate limits of the Town of Coushatta effective on July 13, 2020 the date of the imposed mask mandate.