



**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 55**  
**By: Mayor Larry Waters**

**Extension of Face Covering Requirement**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 23 by Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters declared that face coverings shall be mandatory within Sevier County with noted exceptions until 11:59 PM EDT Monday, August 3, 2020 pursuant to Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order 54; and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Bill Lee extended the ability for local county mayors to issue a mask mandate several times, further extending the ability to do so until February 27, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters continued the orders set forth in Executive Order 23 and other clarifications pursuant to Bill Lee's extension several times culminating in the last extension until 11:59 PM EDT on December 29, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee Department of Health urged local leaders to continue the face mask requirement given positive data results and overall reduction in the severity of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Sevier County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters do declare that Executive Order 23 dated July 7, 2020 along with corresponding further clarifications and other corresponding Executive Orders continue and be in effect until 11:59 PM EDT on February 27, 2021.

**SO ORDERED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Honorable Larry Waters  
Mayor, Sevier County