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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

COUNTY OF FORSYTH

FORSYTH COUNTY 22 R 217

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IN RE: CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)-

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

Masks In The Forsyth County Hall of Justice

This Order is entered by the undersigned Judge, being the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of Judicial District 21, through the inherent authority of those offices and pursuant to Executive Orders of the Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina and the Directives of the Honorable Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, to protect the public as well as state and local employees working in the Forsyth County Hall of Justice.

As a result of the current declining metrics of the COVID-19 pandemic as reflected in the statements of the Governor regarding mask mandates, as well as the currently adopted policies of the Forsyth County and City of Winston Salem governments and the Forsyth County School System regarding wearing of masks, and in line with the current guidelines of the Center for Disease Control, the Court adopts the following order regarding masks in the Forsyth County Courthouse.

As the aforementioned governmental authorities have all determined effective March 1, 2022, due to the declining case metrics of COVID-19 infections, the wearing of masks in public buildings and spaces should be optional, the Forsyth County Courthouse facilities shall be governed by this order which is in conformance with other entities.

Within the Forsyth County Courthouse facilities, the wearing of masks by court personnel and members of the public within the building shall be optional at the discretion of the individual. According to the individual circumstances as determined by each judicial official within the courtrooms over which they are presiding, masks may be ordered to be worn, as may be deemed necessary. However, unless the presiding judicial official makes such determination, masks will remain optional.

SO ORDERED, this the 28th day of February 2022,

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge