

**EMERGENCY ORDERS FROM JACK SMILEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALTUS,  
OKLAHOMA EFFECTIVE 2AM, JULY 15, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Altus Municipal Code, Part II, §14-1 through §14-12, and specifically §14-6 and §14-7, empowers the Mayor of the City of Altus (“City”) to proclaim the existence of an emergency and to issue emergency orders during a declared emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC), Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), and Jackson County Memorial Hospital recommend the wearing of face coverings in public settings to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a significant increase in positive cases of COVID-19 in Altus and throughout the surrounding area of Southwest Oklahoma with the largest single day increases in confirmed infections in Jackson County occurring in back-to-back days within the last 48 hours; and

**WHEREAS**, I as the Mayor of the City of Altus have an obligation and a desire to protect the public health of the citizens, residents and visitors to our city and to avoid being forced to return to more drastic actions that could negatively affect local business.

**THEREFORE**, I, Jack Smiley, the Mayor of Altus, Oklahoma issues the following emergency orders.

**EMERGENCY ORDERS**

**The following are orders and must be followed. Violation of these orders is a misdemeanor under Altus Municipal Code Section 14-11.**

1. Face coverings are required to be worn in all public places, (examples are: retail stores, restaurants, bars, houses of worship and any other businesses serving the public) including all city facilities within Altus city limits; EXCEPT, for those individuals who cannot wear a mask due to medical need or disability. Face coverings should be properly worn, and should be large enough to cover both a person’s mouth and nose.
2. Bars within Altus city limits are restricted to 25% occupancy and required to close no later than 10:00 p.m. each evening. They are also required to comply with CDC guidelines on social distancing and sanitization.
3. All restaurants within Altus city limits must not exceed 50% of their maximum allowable capacity. They are also required to comply with CDC guidelines on social distancing and sanitization.

**WITNESS** my hand as Mayor of the city of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, and affixed thereto on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
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Jack Smiley, Mayor



  
Debbie Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to Form and Legality:

  
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Michael T. Beason, City Attorney