SUMMARY
OF
GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-29

JULY 2, 2020

Earlier this afternoon, Governor Gregg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-29, in which he mandated that all persons wear a face covering over their nose and mouth. The full text of the order was previously published on the Bee OEM Facebook page. This is merely a summary, for a full understanding of all components of GA-29, please refer to the document itself.

For this summary, the term "Mask" shall mean a face covering over the nose and mouth.

The Rule:

When in public spaces (parks, sidewalks, parking areas, etc.) and spaces open to the public (stores, salons, businesses, government buildings, etc.), a person shall wear a Mask, _unless six feet of social distancing can be maintained at all times_.

This Order includes all government buildings and spaces (such as the post office, courthouse, etc.), all commercial and retail buildings and spaces (including office buildings), and all other public spaces or places where the public can congregate.

The Exceptions:

The Rule does not apply to People that:

1. are under 10 years old;
2. are suffering from a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a Mask;
3. are consuming food or drink or seated at a restaurant to consume food or drink;
4. exercising or engaging in physical activity outdoors and maintaining safe social distancing from others;
5. are driving without non-household members in the car;
6. are obtaining services requiring the Mask to be removed temporarily but then only for so long as is necessary;
7. are swimming;
8. are voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher or administering an election;
9. are actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship; and
10. is giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience.

Enforcement:

Law enforcement are entitled to enforce GA-29 by first giving a verbal or written warning for an initial violation, followed by a fine not to exceed $250.00 for refusal to comply after receipt of the warning or for another subsequent violation.