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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting remotely using Zoom. The Honorable Kate Snyder, Mayor, will preside.

To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email publiccomment@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day of the Council meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the commenter's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the order number (see below).

ZOOM INFORMATION:

Due to the existence of an emergency or urgent issue the City Council will conduct this meeting by remote methods/technology at the Zoom link provided below, in accordance with the requirements of 1 M.R.S. section 403-B and the City Council's Remote Participation Policy.

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Order 48-21/22 Order Declaring an Emergency - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

After hearing from City of Portland public health officials at a workshop on September 8, 2021, the City Council called this special meeting in order to consider amending its emergency proclamation to, among other things, mandate the use of face coverings in public indoor spaces located in the City. Public health officials made it clear that critical

care hospitalizations in Maine have reached their highest numbers for the entire period of the Covid-19 pandemic. And that this is happening despite a high county-wide rate of vaccinations and is primarily the result of the Delta variant's contagiousness. As a result, they, along with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials and the Maine Center for Disease Control officials, all advise the use of all preventative measures, including the use of face coverings in public indoor spaces. It is hoped that these measures will succeed at stopping the relentless spread of Covid-19, especially among the immune-compromised and children under 12, who are not yet allowed to be vaccinated.

Staff is recommending this mandate be passed as an emergency, to take effect immediately. Seven affirmative votes are required for passage as an emergency after public comment.

Written Public Comment

6:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: