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February 25, 2022

To: All City of Barberton Employees

From: William B. Judge, Mayor

Re: Mask Mandate Lifted – City of Barberton Employees and Visitors

As COVID cases and hospitalizations continue to decline, I am hereby lifting the mask mandate for City of Barberton employees and visitors entering the Municipal Building and other city offices, effective February 25, 2022. Masks are now recommended but not required. I continue to encourage personnel to get vaccinated and/or boosted to continue to fight against this virus and keep each other safe. New variants and COVID cases are ever changing so there may be times in the future when mask mandates will be necessary again.

With this mandate lift, it is still important to continue to follow standard precautions to prevent the spread of this virus. Please continue to:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or sleeve, or a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands afterwards.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom or before eating. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your face – especially your eyes, nose and mouth – with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you have cold- or flu-like symptoms, for seven days after your illness onset or three days after your fever resolves without fever reducing medicine, and avoid close contact with people who are sick.

I would like to thank everyone for your patience and cooperation during these unprecedented times. I am proud of the way our City complied with the CDC mandates and requirements during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

William B. Judge M.A., M.B.A.

Mayor

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