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### Required Face Coverings to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

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### Public Hearing Comment Form

#### Questions or More Information (301) 645-0555

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##### Are you:

Against Topic

##### Comment

My name is Cheryl Allison and I live in Waldorf. While I see the need for the necessity of wearing a mask in a medical setting, I believe the proposed Ordinance NO. 2021-22 is unsupported by science and is a gross overreach of government power. I see in the text that you propose acting as representatives of the County Board of Health. Did they give you that authority or did you just claim it on your own? I suspect the latter. You also claim that during the time the mask mandate was in place, Charles County experienced a dramatic drop in infections. Then can you explain to me why Calvert County, which had no mask mandate in place, experienced similar fluctuations in the infection rate during the same time period? Coincidence? I don't think so! Aside from the lack of scientific evidence and the questionable legality of your action, I have a personal stake in this issue. My husband and I both suffer from respiratory problems and being forced to wear a mask unnecessarily can make breathing difficult at times. (My lungs currently function at about 56% capacity.) In addition, it can also be difficult to understand someone who is speaking with the mask covering their mouth, especially with some hearing loss. As for enforcement, you would be usurping our personal freedom to decide for ourselves whether we need to wear masks. You mention fines for noncompliance. The Sheriffs' deputies have enough to do now without having to collect petty fines from people who are simply exercising their personal rights to their own bodies. Will they and

other enforcers follow us around 24/7 to nab us if they see us without a mask? Will other citizens be forced to report us for noncompliance? Finally, why would you even need the money collected in these fines? You claim in your proposed resolution that the county is currently experiencing a robust economy doesn't support a need for fines.

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Thank you,  
**Charles County, MD**

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