

Commissioners, I wonder if you recall the oath you took when you were sworn into office. To refresh your memory: I, \_\_\_\_\_, do swear and affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and Charles County, Maryland and support the Constitution and/or Laws thereof; and that I will adhere to the Charles County Code of Civility, and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation; and that I will to the best of my skill and judgement, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

***Please refer to The Maryland Constitution Articles 1, 4, 6, and 9 which reinforce the fact that you are Trustees of the Public and accountable to The People. Additionally, Article 9 stipulates that the Constitution prevails in times of war, peace or any departure therefrom.***

***Please refer to ARTICLE XI-F HOME RULE FOR CODE COUNTIES Sections 6, 7, and 9. Section 7 clearly states that any action you enact can be put to the vote by petition of registered voters. You can rest assured that should the Commissioners vote to enact this mandate, we will submit a petition to put it to the vote immediately. Section 9 states a county not enact a local law that has fees attached to it without express authorization by the General Assembly. I assert that the fines as detailed in this mandate are subject to this Section.***

*Clearly, the Commissioners have been acting in bad faith since the first mask mandate was instituted after the state of emergency ended.*

*Follow your oath and represent your constituents in line with the Constitution.*

*While you have been dithering around with this "emergency ordinance", every citizen of this county has been exercising their Constitutional Rights by choosing to mask or not. That is the way it should remain.*

*N95 masks properly fitted with gloves are the best way to protect yourself in public. However, if you touch your face, car keys, phone, debit card, anything with those gloves on you've cross contaminated.*

*If everything you touch in the store isn't sanitized between you and the next person, that's cross contamination.*

*If you do not remove your gloves properly by turning them inside out as you remove them you are cross contaminating.*

*If you remove your mask and keep it in your car or purse for reuse or touch any part other than the ear loops you are cross contaminating.*

*It is impossible to reduce or prevent spread using the currently accepted methods and it is impractical and impossible to actually implement any protocol that guarantees reduced risk.*

*We live in the United States of America where our freedom is guaranteed by the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the Maryland State Constitution. This gives us the right to make our own choices about how we go about pursuing Life, Liberty and Happiness. Your ONLY duty is to ensure that our rights aren't impinged. Your actions here this evening are not in line with that requirement and therefore, cannot be passed or implemented.*

*Thank You.*

**Article 1.** That all Government of right originates from the People, is founded in compact only, and instituted solely for the good of the whole; and they have, at all times, the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their Form of Government in such manner as they may deem expedient.

**Art. 4.** That the People of this State have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof, as a free, sovereign and independent State.

**Art. 6.** That all persons invested with the Legislative or Executive powers of Government are the Trustees of the Public, and, as such, accountable for their conduct: Wherefore, whenever the ends of Government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the People may, and of right ought, to reform the old, or establish a new Government; the doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.

**Art. 9.** That no power of suspending Laws or the execution of Laws, unless by, or derived from the Legislature, ought to be exercised, or allowed.

**Art. 44.** That the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, apply, as well in time of war, as in time of peace; and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good Government, and tends to anarchy and despotism.

**SEC. 6.** A code county may enact, amend, or repeal a public local law of that county by a resolution of the board of county commissioners. The General Assembly may amplify the provisions of this section by general law in any manner not inconsistent with this Article.

**SEC. 7.** Any action of a code county in the enactment, amendment, or repeal of a public local law is subject to a referendum of the voters in the county, as in this section provided. The enactment, amendment, or repeal shall be effective unless a petition of the registered voters of the county requires that it be submitted to a referendum of the voters in the county. The General Assembly shall amplify the provisions of this section by general law in any manner not inconsistent with this Article, except that in any event the number of signatures required on such a petition shall not be fewer than five per centum (5%) of the voters in a county registered for county and State elections.

**SEC. 9.** A code county shall not levy any type of tax, license fee, franchise tax, or fee which was not in effect or authorized in the code county at the time it came under the provisions of this Article, until an express authorization of the General Assembly has been enacted for this purpose by a general law which in its terms and effect applies alike to all code counties in one or more of the classes provided for in Section 5 of this Article.