July 7, 2020

Dear Pigeon Forge Residents:

In an effort to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and to help keep our local businesses open and operating, all Sevier County (Tennessee) residents, employees and visitors are required to wear face coverings in public effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 10, per Sevier County Mayor Larry Water's Executive Order 23. The order is currently set to expire on Aug. 3, 2020.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee issued Executive Order 54 on July 3, 2020, permitting certain county mayors, including Sevier County's, to issue local face covering requirements. Mayor Waters issued Executive Order 23 after consultation with government leaders across the county including Pigeon Forge Mayor David Wear, as well as City Manager Earlene Teaster, tourism and economic officials, and regional health officials.

"After much consideration and consultation with regard to public health and the future certainty of our county's economy, our respective mayors feel that requiring everyone—residents, employees and visitors—to wear a cloth or other face covering while in public should be required in certain circumstances in Sevier County," Waters said. "We understand that this measure is inconvenient, but it is necessary as we continue to seek a balance between a healthy community and commerce."

Please continue to use all other known measures—social distance, increased sanitization, remain at home when sick—to help slow the spread of Covid-19. Together, we must take every precaution available to keep our economy operating, keep our employees working and keep working toward a return to normal.

Sincerely,

Earlene Teaster, City Manager

David Wear, Mayor