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New Mask Ordinance to be on 11/3 Common Council Agenda

After a recent ordinance requiring the use of masks was vetoed by City of Oneonta Mayor Gary Herzig, he will be asking the Common Council to approve a revised ordinance at the November 3, 2020 meeting of the Common Council. The revised ordinance will require masks at all times by persons in any outdoor public space in the city's downtown (MU-1) zoning district. Masks will also be required by all customers in retail and service businesses as well as in restaurants and bars when not seated and eating. Throughout the rest of the city, masks will be required in outdoor public spaces whenever a minimum of 6 feet distancing cannot be assured. The local law does not apply to private residences.

Mayor Herzig states, "I vetoed the previous mask ordinance, simply because it was not strong enough to make a difference. Masks must be worn at all times by all people when in our downtown business district. We are entering a critical time with a recent uptick in cases of COVID-19. The people of Oneonta have worked too hard to now risk an outbreak during this Fall and Winter."

Map and proposed signage are also attached.

