



**Mask Enforcement
October 7, 2020**

TO: Teton County Sheriff's Office

CC: City of Victor; City Administrator, City Attorney

All,

As Mayor of the City of Victor, I write to you with a specific request. School has started, fall is in the air and flu season is near. Our busier than expected tourism season is starting to wind down. All seems normal, except we are still fighting toe to toe with a global pandemic. This is a fight we cannot afford to walk away from or haphazardly attempt to conquer.

When the pandemic first started to surface, priority one was slowing it down. Priority two was preparing for what the second wave would look like, and for us the timing is dangerous. We have a lot at stake here locally. Many folks have worked day and night to keep our local economy above water. Now much of our attention is prioritized to keeping our schools open and our staff, teachers, and children safe. If we do not continue to do everything we possibly can to slow this disease, without doubt, there will be consequences.

This request is not driven by politics, nor is it intended as a threat. In fact, I've had great conversations with both candidates running for sheriff this fall and a professional working relationship with Sherriff Lifford to date. This is a formal request to lead by example, educate, support, and if necessary, enforce the City of Victor's mask ordinance. We cannot lose sight now of one of the easiest things we can do to help keep our businesses open and our schools occupied.

Do I like wearing a mask? NO. Am I asking what your personal thoughts on wearing a mask are? NO. Will I wear a mask for the above stated reasons when I enter an establishment and cannot keep at least 6 feet socially distanced? ABSOLUTELY, and you should too. Do I take passing local laws lightly? Far from it. Do I expect, through our City's agreement with the Sheriff's Office that our laws be enforced? Without a doubt.

For this reason, as part of our current agreement, I am asking for a bi-weekly report on our current state of affairs in regard to enforcing mask compliance, both on a business level and an individual level. This report needs to include full transparency on data that supports our efforts here locally. Ordinance O568.B clearly states what needs to be accomplished to be compliant.

The infraction to be issued if not, was requested by our county prosecuting attorney. I find it frustrating, that now here in October, we are still talking about if businesses or individuals are being required to follow the City of Victor's mask ordinance.

The City offers full resources for education, signage, masks and other supporting materials. Every two weeks, the report should include, but not be limited to – How many businesses did you visit to make sure compliance is being met, how many warnings were given, both business and individual, how many infractions issued, both business and individual. In addition, anything else that we need to be aware of to help in our overall effort county wide.

In keeping with our current agreement, this report is to be sent to mayor@victorcityidaho.com on or prior to the 1st and 15th of each month, October 15th being the first deadline. Failure to do so, will cause me to bring the agreement between The City of Victor and Teton County Sheriff's Office forward for discussion of its immediate termination. I do not want to bring our agreement up for termination, but also cannot sit on the sidelines while some of our local laws are ignored.

I want to thank our local deputies and our first responders. I know times are tough and the future unknown. Let us work together to keep our agreement in place and improve upon our relationship. Together, let us lead by example and at the end of the day, be confident knowing that we did everything we could as professionals and community members to win this fight.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Frohlich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "F".

Will Frohlich
City of Victor Mayor