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Thank you for your service during these strange times.

I think we can easily agree that the issue of mandatory masking is hotly debated in our town. On one side are those that see the pandemic as a dangerous and deadly disease and every precaution should be taken to eradicate it from our town. The opposing view is that COVID-19 is a bad flu that will eventually run through the town similar to other flus in the past, and that masking is largely ineffective and unnecessary.

One side sees Covid as akin to the Black Death and thinks we need to act accordingly. The other sees it as concerning but not terrifying.

Since there's no consensus in the community on the lethality of the virus, nor on what should be done to combat it, it would be unethical to require business owners, employees and building owners to become thought police.

I realize that extraordinary times call for extraordinary actions, however, I would urge you to consider that even though we have had a spike in cases, we have not had a spike in hospitalizations or in the death toll.

After almost two years since the arrival of COVID-19, we have had three deaths. During the first year, we had no vaccines or other effective treatments.

At this time, I urge you to shelve the idea of fines for individuals and particularly for businesses until it is warranted by the situation.

Best regards,  
Larry Young

Sent from my iPhone