

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI, DECLARING A CIVIL EMERGENCY,
AND FOR THE CONTROL OF CONTAGIOUS
AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, AND RELATED PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. §33-15-11 (b)(17), Governor Tate Reeves declared a State of Emergency existed in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020; on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, through its Mayor and Board of Aldermen, adopted a Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the emergence and risk of spread of COVID-19 within Mississippi constitutes a public emergency that has resulted in substantial injury or harm to life, health, and property within Mississippi, and in the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, and COVID-19 has already been detected in numerous individuals in multiple counties throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health confirmed the first presumptive case of COVID-19 in Mississippi, and as of March 23, 2020, there are at least 249 cases in Mississippi that have tested positive for COVID-19, resulting in at least one death; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and the the City of Waynesboro is being adversely affected by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and there exists a continued threat to the public's safety, private property and the social and economic welfare to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for responding to COVID-19 recommends avoiding crowds or gatherings of more than 10 people, especially for older adults and individuals with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the governmental authority of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, has reviewed and accepts the findings and recommendations of the CDC; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, is a rural community with significant populations of both older and at-risk individuals with underlying medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Mississippi issued Emergency Administrative Order-5 governing the courts in the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §33-15-17 allows the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, to declare a state of local emergency in which the Board may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, finds COVID-19 a natural disaster which has caused and will continue to cause injury to persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens and visitors to the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI, the City hereby adopts the following emergency measures that shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until rescinded by the governmental authority of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, (unless a different effective date is stated in such measure(s)), to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community from the spread of a contagious or infectious disease and to eliminate or limit injuries or deaths that may occur in the absence of such measures:

Section 1: Effective immediately and for a period of thirty days unless extended by Motion and Order of the governing authority of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, bars, nightclubs, lounges, taverns shall close, except to the extent that such establishments may only provide take-out, pick-up, delivery, or drive-through services for food as allowed by law. Restaurants and private clubs shall close dine-in services, but may provide pick-up, curbside service, delivery, or drive-through services for food as allowed by law. There shall not be more than 10 employees and 10 customers inside abovementioned businesses at any one time. These establishments must close by 9:00 p.m. and remain closed until 5:00 a.m.

Section 2: Effective immediately and for a period of thirty days unless extended by Motion and Order of the governing authority of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, the businesses, clubs, organizations, places of worship, or other gatherings within the City's boundaries shall adhere to the guideline of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to limit crowds or gatherings to no more than 10 people, with the exclusion of essential services including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, health clinics, drug stores, pharmacies, banks, grocery stores, convenience stores, and gas stations.

Section 3: Effectively immediately and for a period of thirty days unless extended by Motion and Order of the governing authority of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, the City adopts the guidelines and provisions set forth in Emergency Administrative Order - 5, which states that the "courts shall remain open to ensure the fulfillment of their constitutional and statutory duties".

Section 4: A city-wide curfew will be strictly enforced from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. Persons should not be on the public street or in any public place unless it is for traveling to or from work, for emergency medical care and/or for medical personnel in the performance of their duties. First Responders, law enforcement and media personnel are exempt from this curfew.

Section 5: The public shall follow the social distance guidelines established by CDC and stay at least six (6) feet away from others to the extent possible.

Section 6: The City, through future action of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, may adopt shelter-in-place applicable to such geographical areas of the City, or to the City as a whole, as advisable, and applicable during such hours of the day or night as necessary in the interest of the public safety and welfare.

Section 7: The City may issue such other orders as are necessary for the protection of life and liberty.

Alderman Johnny Gray made the motion, which was seconded by Alderman Albert Busby to adopt the foregoing Resolution, which was introduced in writing at a specially called meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, held on March 23, 2020, and was at said meeting, read, considered, and adopted, paragraph by paragraph, section by section, then as a whole, and the question being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Albert Busby	AYE
Alderman Tim Cochran	AYE
Alderman Mary Joyce Davis	AYE
Alderman Johnny Gray	AYE
Alderman Tammy Wilson	AYE

APPROVED, this the 23rd day of March, 2020.

Mayor Richard Johnson

Terri Seawright, City Clerk