

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, REINSTATEMENT, AMENDMENT AND  
EXTENSION OF THE  
STAY AT HOME ORDER  
AND ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF  
CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
AND WELFARE AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez declared a Stay at Home Order on March 24, 2020, as a result of the spread of the coronavirus which became effective March 25, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. and remained in effect for 15 days; and,

WHEREAS, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi declared a Shelter in Place Order and Directive on April 3, 2020, as a result of the spread of the coronavirus which was made effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2020, and is to remain in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on April 20, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-19-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, provides that the City has the power to make regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious or infectious diseases; to make quarantine laws for that purpose, and enforce the same within five miles of the corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, provides that the City has power to make all needful police regulations necessary for the preservation of good order and peace of the municipality and to prevent injury to, destruction of, or interference with public or private property; and

WHEREAS, Section 33-15-17 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, provides that during a local emergency, the governing body of a political subdivision 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 emergence and risk of the spread of the coronavirus within Mississippi continues to constitute a public emergency that has resulted in substantial injury or harm to life, health and property within Mississippi, and in the City of Natchez, and the coronavirus has already been detected in numerous individuals in multiple counties throughout the State, and in several individuals within the City of Natchez, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health confirmed the first presumptive case of the coronavirus in Mississippi, and as of March 21, 2020, there were at least 207 cases in Mississippi of individuals who have tested positive for the coronavirus, resulting in at least one death in the State; and

WHEREAS, as of April 12, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health report that there are 2781 cases of the coronavirus in Mississippi, resulting in at least 96 confirmed deaths in the State with 51 cases reported in Adams County with one death reported; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and the City of Natchez continue to be adversely affected by the outbreak of the coronavirus, and there exists a continued threat to the public's safety, private property and the social and economic welfare of this City, County and State; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Mississippi Department of Health guidelines for responding to the coronavirus recommend avoiding crowds or gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Natchez has reviewed and accepts the findings and recommendations of the CDC and the Mississippi Department of Health, and has further received the same findings and recommendations from health professionals within the City of Natchez and Adams County, and accepts those findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen continue to find that the coronavirus poses a serious threat to the citizens of the City of Natchez and will continue to cause injury, illness and/or death to persons to such an extent that additional extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare of citizens and visitors to the City of Natchez; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-19-29 of the Mississippi Code allows the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez to regulate the entrances to public halls and buildings, and the way of ingress and egress to and from the same; and

WHEREAS, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, issued a Safer at Home Order pursuant to Executive Order No. 1477 on April 24, 2020, providing for new rules and regulations for the citizens and businesses to conduct their lives and businesses which was made effective at 8:00 a.m. on April 27, 2020, and is to remain in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on May 11, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have determined that the rules and regulations provided in the Executive Order No. 1477 issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi together with a separate list of "Back to Business" guidelines to be followed should be adopted by the City of Natchez with the exception that the City of Natchez Stay at Home Order being adopted this day should extend from 12:00 a.m. May 1, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, amended his Safer at Home Order, Executive Order No. 1477 by issuing Executive Order No. 1478 on May 4, 2020, providing for new rules and regulations for the citizens and businesses to conduct their lives and businesses which included provisions for the limited operations of indoor and outdoor dining at restaurants and

bars; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have determined that the rules and regulations provided in the Executive Order No. 1478 issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi to the extent that it applies to the limited operations of indoor and outdoor dining at restaurants and bars as set forth in paragraph I. a. should be adopted in total by the City of Natchez and the items set forth in paragraph I. b., i.e., Municipal parks and private parks and other outdoor recreational activities will not be adopted by the City with the exception of tennis and golf as provided for herein, and further with the exception that the City of Natchez Stay at Home Order shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, a copy of Executive Order No. 1478 is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and the rules and regulations in total as set forth in paragraph I. a. of the Executive Order are incorporated herein as though fully written herein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have determined that the rules and regulations provided in the Executive Order No. 1480 issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi that it applies to the limited operations of salons, barber shops and other personal care and personal grooming facilities as set forth in paragraph I. a. of said Executive Order and to the limited operations of fitness and exercise gyms as set forth in paragraph I. b. of said Executive Order should be adopted in total by the City of Natchez with the exception that the City of Natchez Stay at Home Order shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, a copy of Executive Order No. 1480 is attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and the rules and regulations in total as set forth in paragraph I. a. and I. b. of the Executive Order are incorporated herein as though fully written herein;

Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have determined that it is necessary to adopt the Resolution adopted by the Adams County Board of Supervisors instituting a curfew in Adams County as it pertains to the City as amended, i.e., said curfew will be from 11:00 p.m. until 5 a.m. every day until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020 and further that any person violating said curfew in the City of Natchez shall be subject to the fines and penalties as provided for in this Stay at Home Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the City of Natchez, that the City does hereby reinstate, reissue and amend its previous Stay At Home Order for the following emergency measures that shall take effect immediately, and remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless said Stay at Home Order is rescinded by the governmental authority of the City of Natchez or modified and extended as provided for herein, 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 to remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of Natchez, the governing authorities are recommending that all citizens of the City of Natchez stay at home until further direction by the City and that all citizens remain at

home unless it is essential to your health, safety and welfare to leave your home. Travel to the grocery store, medical, dental and other health related appointments are deemed essential. The citizens are encouraged to maintain social distancing at all times. The governing authorities encourage all citizens to exercise outdoors provided that you should not congregate in groups of more than 10 persons while maintaining proper social distancing during all times of exercising.

Section 2: Effective immediately, and to remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of Natchez, the rules and regulations as set forth in the Executive Order No. 1477 issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi with the exception of the duration time frame, a copy of said Order being attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution and incorporated herein and the "Back to Business" guidelines as set forth on Exhibit "B" to this Resolution and incorporated herein are hereby adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez as the rules and regulation of the City of Natchez to pertain to all citizens and businesses in the City of Natchez.

Section 3: Effective immediately, and to remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of Natchez, all churches, temples and places of worship, assemblages and gatherings including, but not limited to, private clubs within the City Limits of the City of Natchez shall adhere to the guidelines in the Executive Order No. 1477 issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi. This Section also applies to funeral homes, funeral directors, and any other persons conducting funerals and/or memorial services and receptions pertaining to funerals and other services. There is a detailed section for guidance in the conduct of funerals provided at <http://www.nfda.org/covid-19> which should be strictly adhered.

Section 4: Effective immediately, and to remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of Natchez, the rules and regulations provided in the Executive Order No. 1478 issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi to the extent that it applies to the limited operations of indoor and outdoor dining at restaurants and bars as set forth in paragraph I. a. are hereby adopted in total by the City of Natchez and the items set forth in paragraph I. b., i.e., Municipal parks and private parks and other outdoor recreational activities will not be adopted by the City with the exception of tennis and golf as provided for herein, and further with the exception that the City of Natchez Stay at Home Order shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, a copy of Executive Order No. 1478 is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and the rules and regulations in total as set forth in paragraph I. a. of the Executive Order are incorporated herein as though fully written herein. With respect to tennis, citizens can play tennis provided that there are no league games or group tennis games and social distancing is maintained at a minimum six feet separation between individuals to the extent possible. With respect to golf, the golf course can reopen provided only one person is allowed in a golf cart unless two family members are playing together and the golf carts are sanitized in between being used by customers. The tennis shop and golf shop attendants shall sanitize the surface areas used by customers during the course of providing services after each use by the customers.

Section 5: Effective immediately, and to remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of Natchez, the rules and regulations provided in the Executive Order No. 1480 issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi to the extent that it applies to the limited operations of salons, barber shops and other personal care and personal grooming facilities as set forth in paragraph I. a. of said Executive Order and to the limited operations of fitness and exercise gyms as set forth in paragraph I. b. of said Executive Order are hereby adopted in total by the City of Natchez with the exception that the City of Natchez Stay at Home Order shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, a copy of Executive Order No. 1480 is attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and the rules and regulations in total as set forth in paragraph I. a. and I. b. of the Executive Order are incorporated herein as though fully written herein.

Section 6: Effective immediately, and to remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of Natchez, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have determined that it is necessary to adopt and does hereby adopt the Resolution issued by the Adams County Board of Supervisors instituting a curfew in Adams County as it pertains to the City as amended, i.e., said curfew will be from 11:00 p.m. until 5 a.m. every day until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020 and further that any person violating said curfew in the City of Natchez shall be subject to the fines and penalties as provided for in Section 7 of this Stay at Home Order.

Section 7: (a) If the Chief of Police determines that a violation has occurred, the Chief of Police or any officer acting under his command may issue a warning to cease and desist from the violation of any provisions of this Order. Unless a person or business is granted a waiver pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section 7, any person who continues to violate the mandate of the Order after a warning has been issued by the Chief of Police or any officer acting under his command, the person may be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in the City of Natchez Code of Ordinances. All proceedings described herein shall be conducted in accordance with Mississippi law.

(b) If a person or business is notified that they are in violation of this Order and Regulation and they feel that they are in compliance, they may file for a waiver to be granted by the Chief of Police to continue operating their business provided that they comply with the mandates set forth herein. In the event the Chief of Police determines that any person or business that is granted a waiver, violates the mandates of this Order, then the waiver can be withdrawn.

Aldersperson Sarah Carter Smith moved for the adoption of the Resolution, which motion was seconded by Aldersperson Benjamin Davis, said Resolution having been introduced at the Regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, held on May 12, 2020, and after deliberation, the question being put to a vote, the Mayor recorded the votes

as follows:

Alderman Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis  
Alderman Billie Joe Frazier  
Alderman Sarah Carter Smith  
Alderman Felicia Irving  
Alderman Benjamin Davis  
Alderman Dan Dillard

Voted: Aye  
Voted: Aye  
Voted: Aye  
Voted: Aye  
Voted: Aye  
Voted: Aye.

  
CITY OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DARRYL V. GRENNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF ADAMS  
CITY OF NATCHEZ

CERTIFICATE

I, Servia Fortenberry, City Clerk for the City of Natchez, Mississippi, hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly passed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, at a Regular Board Meeting held on May 12, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I signed and sealed this instrument as the City Clerk of Natchez, Mississippi, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK