

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-14

WHEREAS, the City of Hattiesburg has declared an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and in cases of pandemic, leaders must make strategic and operational decisions;

WHEREAS, the City of Hattiesburg has conferred with leaders from Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg Clinic and Merit Health Wesley throughout the COVID-19 outbreak; and has received further guidance from the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Executive Orders 1463 and 1466 from Governor Tate Reeves in regards to essential and nonessential services;

WHEREAS, the CDC points to recent studies where a "significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms ("asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms ("pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms";

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to public health, life and safety of citizens of Hattiesburg, with 1464 positive cases and 50 deaths to date in Forrest County and 991 positive cases and 10 deaths to date in Lamar County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Toby Barker, Mayor of the City of Hattiesburg, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the State of Mississippi pursuant to *Miss. Code Ann.* Section 33-15-17 (c) (7) and *Miss. Code Ann.* Section 21-19-3 and all other applicable statues, and in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to make common sense policy and operational decisions to that end, hereby issue the following executive order to slow the spread of COVID-19, to take effect at 8 a.m. on July 31, 2020 and be enforced until 8 a.m. on August 17, 2020.

- All bars, nightclubs, music venues, indoor entertainment venues and places of amusement (including but not limited to: bowling alleys, laser tag, ax throwing bars, escape rooms, movie theaters) shall close at 10 p.m.
- All restaurants must close in-house dining (both indoor and outdoor) at 10 p.m. Restaurants may continue operating pick-up, drive thru or to go services.
- All dance hall permits are suspended.
- All bars, nightclubs, music venues and indoor entertainment venues must continue to adhere to and enforce all state and municipal mask requirements and capacity requirements.

PREEMPTION BY GOVERNOR REEVES' EXECUTIVE ORDER

If any part of this Order made during the COVID-19 State of Emergency in the City of Hattiesburg is found and deemed to be in conflict with Executive Orders 1463, 1466, 1473, 1477, 1478, 1480, 1486, 1496, 1500, 1505, 1509, 1511, 1512 and/or any subsequent Executive Order of Governor Tate Reeves, the remaining parts of this Order not found to be in conflict shall remain in full force and effect.

This executive order supersedes and amends Executive Orders 2020-1, 2020-2, 2020-3, 2020-4, 2020-5, 2020-6, 2020-7, 2020-8, 2020-9, 2020-10, 2020-11, 2020-12 and 2020-13.

SO ORDERED on this 29th day of July, 2020.


Toby Barker, Mayor, City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi

ATTEST: 
Cecilia Jones, Deputy Clerk