



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. MA-6

(Regarding State of Emergency in the City of Laurel
Relating to Global Pandemic of COVID-19)

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the City of Laurel, in accordance with Section 33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code 1972, as amended, declared that a State of Emergency exists in the City resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the global outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, Mississippi, Jones County, and Laurel, significantly impact the life and health of our citizens as well as our local economy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Laurel has received guidance from the Mississippi Department of Health, local health officials, the Jones County Emergency Operations Center, the Centers for Disease Control and through Executive Order 1463 by Governor Tate Reeves;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHNNY MAGEE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor and by the laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby issue the following guidelines for restaurants and essential businesses in the City of Laurel, effective Thursday, March 26 and continuing until April 17, 2020:

1. Restaurants, bars, or other dining establishments shall suspend dine-in services unless able to reduce capacity to allow no more than 10 people to be gathered in a single space at the same time where individuals are seated or in close proximity to each other. Drive through, carry out, delivery and curbside service is strongly recommended. Social distancing requirements of the CDC should be followed.
2. Consistent with Executive Order 1463 by Governor Tate Reeves, an essential business or operation providing essential services or functions may operate at such level as necessary to provide such essential services or functions and shall not be subject to any 10-person

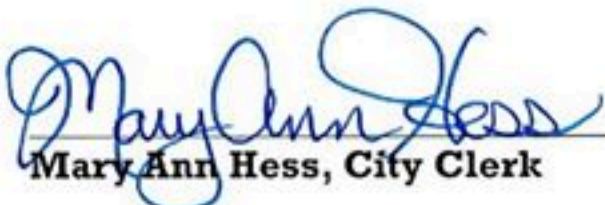
gathering limitation or any other limitation or restriction inconsistent with the governor's executive order but shall take all reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the CDC and the Mississippi Department of Health recommendations and guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, social distancing, sending sick employees home and actively encouraging sick employees to stay home, separating and sending home employees who appear to have respiratory illness symptoms.

3. For the purposes of this Executive Order, the phrase "Essential Business or Operation" is defined consistent with that as outlined in Executive Order 1463 by Governor Tate Reeves.

SO ORDERED this the 26th day of **MARCH, A.D. 2020.**


JOHNNY MAGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Mary Ann Hess, City Clerk

