

**ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF
AMORY, MISSISSIPPI, TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF
AMORY, MISSISSIPPI**

Whereas, pursuant to 21-17-5 M.C.A. the City of Amory, Mississippi (herein the “City”) has the care, management and control of its municipal affairs, property, and finances; and

Whereas, 21-17-5 M.C.A. further provides that in addition to those powers granted by specific provisions of general law, the governing authorities of municipalities shall have the power to adopt any orders, resolutions or ordinances with respect to such municipal affairs, property and finances which are not inconsistent with the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, the Mississippi Code of 1972, or any other statute or law of the State of Mississippi; 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 as a Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National State of Emergency due to the pandemic outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves declared a statewide State of Emergency in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the President of the United States officially established guidelines recommending individuals avoid groups of more than ten people in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City declared a State of Local Emergency on March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted an Order on March 23, 2020, taking certain actions on behalf of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Amory, Mississippi, and it is necessary to extend the mandates and directives set forth in such Order; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to acknowledge certain Executive Orders that have been signed by the Governor of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to address certain additional matters in regard to COVID-19 at this time; and

WHEREAS, there continue to be confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our County and State.

NOW THEREFORE, The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Amory, Mississippi, by the authority vested by the constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Effective immediately and continuing until 11:59 p.m. April 17, 2020, the following mandates shall take effect.

Non-essential businesses shall limit persons inside their establishments to less than 10 at one time. We appreciate the cooperation of retailers and that they understand the spirit of this Order. The main concern is to reduce human to human contact. The following list of non-essential businesses is given as a guideline by the Mississippi State Department of health:

Examples of non-essential businesses: barber shops and beauty salons, sporting goods stores, retail stores and gyms.

Essential businesses or operations: Essential businesses or operations are those certain businesses and operations set forth in Executive Order 1463 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi. In accordance with Executive Order 1463, essential businesses and operations providing essential services or functions may remain open, operational, and continue to provide services and functions in accordance with the terms of Executive Order 1463.

The City of Amory acknowledges Executive Order 1463 and the Supplement to Executive Order 1463 signed by the Governor of the State of Mississippi and incorporates said Executive Order and Supplement into this Order in full by reference.

We ask the public's cooperation to stay at home except when it is absolutely necessary to be out such as travel to and from work or acquiring necessities.

We also ask the public's cooperation to observe adequate social distancing and to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, the number advised by the Mississippi Department of Health and the CDC, at open public properties of the City of Amory Mississippi, including, not limited to, city parks, community centers and ball fields.

We also ask the public to shop local when this emergency is over. Our local small businesses have been greatly impacted because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. These people are the backbone of our community and have invested time and money to serve us locally. Please encourage and pray for them.

Restaurants shall close their dining rooms and bar areas. They may continue to use drive thru, curbside delivery, take out services, or other delivery services. We encourage them to continue to provide these services for those who may not be able to prepare meals.

We will increase Police presence after 8:00 p.m. each night.

This Order will take effect immediately and end at 11:59 P.M. on April 17, 2020.

5. Effective Date: This Order becoming effective immediately is necessary in in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Amory.

The foregoing Order, having been previously reduced to writing, was proposed and a motion by Alderman Tony Poss, seconded by Alderman Joe McGonagill, and after discussion, and no alderman having called for a reading, was brought to a vote as follows:

Alderman Buddy Carlisle voting	YES
Alderman John Darden voting	ABSENT
Alderman Tony Poss voting	YES
Alderman Glen Bingham voting	ABSENT
Alderman Joe McGonagill voting	YES

Whereupon, the motion having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor of the City of Amory, Mississippi declared that the Order had been adopted on this the 31st day of March, 2020.

CITY OF AMORY, MISSISSIPPI

BY:


BRAD J. BLALOCK, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JAMIE E. MORGAN, CITY CLERK

