

**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 002 OF THE MAYOR**  
**OF THE**  
**CITY OF POPLARVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, in light of “social distancing” protocols and best practices imposed by Federal, State, and local authorities and agencies, advising that businesses and other public and private entities limit crowd size, and allow people to avoid physical contact and maintain personal distance; and, recognizing the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus in Pearl River County and the State of Mississippi;

**NOW THEREFORE**, Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 33-15-5, et seq., as amended, and Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-19-1, et seq., as amended, the authority is vested in me as Mayor of the City of Poplarville, and I hereby issue this Executive Order:

1. A local State of Emergency was declared by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Poplarville on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and was effective immediately; and
2. All restaurants shall remain closed to dine-in patrons, but may remain open for food delivery, takeout, drive-through and curbside services only; There shall be no on-site dining at restaurants, indoors or outdoors; and
3. Certain public and private establishments, including but not limited to: performance venues, entertainment venues, recreational facilities, gyms, fitness centers/studios, non-food retail establishments, state-licensed cosmetology establishments, barber shops, hair/beauty salons, and nail salons shall be closed; and
4. There shall be no gatherings of more than 10 people for any event, public or private. This includes, but is not limited to, church services, weddings, concerts, parties and other entertainment events.
5. Self-serve buffets/hot bars/salad bars located inside grocery stores/supermarkets/convenience stores shall be converted to staff serve only. The dining areas located inside grocery stores/supermarkets/convenience stores shall be closed to dine-in patrons. Meals prepared at grocery stores/supermarkets/convenience stores shall be takeout/delivery/drive-through/curbside only.
6. With the exception of social distancing protocols, the terms of this Executive Order shall not apply to: grocery stores/supermarkets, except those detailed in Item 5; drug stores and pharmacies; multi-purpose stores selling groceries, health care products, and/or cleaning products, including any retailer with a licensed pharmacy on-site; convenience stores; hardware, garden supply, and home improvement stores; veterinary clinics; banks;

automobile service facilities and gas stations; professional offices providing emergent client services (e.g., law offices and accountants); and private cafeterias located within nursing homes and other similar facilities; and

7. This Executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded, in whole or in part, by the Mayor.
8. The provisions of this Executive Order shall update and amend the Executive Order issued on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020;

If any provision of this Executive Order, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Executive Order to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provision of this Executive Order are severable.

The Executive Order Shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk. It will be made available to the public upon request.

SO ORDERED, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.



**Mayor Rossie Creel**

ATTEST: Renee Bridges, DCC

**Renee Bridges, Deputy City Clerk**

