

**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 003 OF THE MAYOR
OF THE
CITY OF POPLARVILLE**

WHEREAS, based on guidance from the Office of the Governor, State of Mississippi, Executive Order 1463 as supplemented, the following Local Executive order further supplements, defines, supersedes and/or amends the previous Local Executive Orders and Emergency Proclamation issued by the City of Poplarville pertaining to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, vital information has been provided to the City of Poplarville by the administration of Highland Community Hospital and Pearl River County Hospital and Nursing Home reflecting a sobering local medical needs trajectory if social distancing protocols continue to be practiced at such a low rate; and

WHEREAS, a local State of Emergency was declared by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Poplarville on Tuesday, March 17th, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and was effective immediately; and

NOW THEREFORE, Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 33-15-17(c)(7), et seq., as amended, and Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-19-1, et seq., as amended, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to make common sense policy and operational decisions to that end, the authority is vested in me as chief executive officer of the City of Poplarville, and I hereby issue this Executive Order:

1. Due to the unique challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, there shall be a **Safer-at-Home mandate** in the City of Poplarville; and
2. For the purpose of this order, "Safer-at-Home" shall mean that all persons in the City of Poplarville should remain on the immediate premises of their own residences to avoid being exposed to the virus, and refrain from any travel within the City of Poplarville except for travel to and from those workplaces and businesses deemed essential by Governor's Order 1463 and any travel for self-care or family-care; and
3. Individuals using outdoor space, when outside your homes or residences at all times shall maintain social distancing of a minimum of 6 ft. distance between each individual and shall avoid gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
4. Any educational institution may remain open for the purpose of providing distance learning, providing meals to students, and for essential operations as deemed necessary by those individual institutions and the Mississippi Department of Education that are in compliance with Governor's Order 1463; and

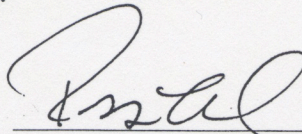
5. All grocery stores/supermarkets, dollar stores, gas stations, convenience stores, pharmacies and hardware/building material stores and any other businesses defined as essential by Governor's Order 1463 should immediately implement a plan to limit the number of patrons inside the stores at any given time to a number manageable by staff to adhere to the social distancing protocols as defined by federal, state and local mandates; and
6. All grocery stores, dollar stores, convenience stores, pharmacies and hardware/building material stores and other businesses defined as essential by Governor's Order 1463 should provide at least six (6) feet of space between customers in and around checkout lines and discourage clustering of customers in sales areas; and
7. This Executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded, in whole or in part, by the Mayor and/or Board of Aldermen.
8. The provisions of this Executive Order shall update and amend the Executive Order 001 issued on Friday, March 20th, 2020, and Executive Order 002 issued on Monday, March 23rd, 2020; and

If any provision of this Executive Order or any other Executive Order made during the COVID-19 State of Emergency in the City of Poplarville is found and deemed to be in conflict with Executive Order 1463 of Governor Tate Reeves, the remaining parts not found to be in conflict with Executive Order 1463 shall remain in full force and effect.

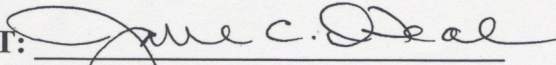
If any provision of this Executive Order, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Executive Order to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances 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 1st day of April, 2020.



Mayor Rossie Creel

ATTEST: 

Jane O'Neal, City Clerk

