

EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING PRIOR ORDERS

WHEREAS, Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have declared that it is expected to spread; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and

WHEREAS, in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout Hinds County, where the City of Jackson is situated, to include 301 positive cases and 4 Coronavirus-related deaths in the County; and

WHEREAS, social distancing, which requires maintaining at least a six-foot distance between people, is a paramount strategy for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that increased testing capacity would demonstrate that COVID-19 is actively circulating in communities across the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the number of suspected COVID-19 cases in Hinds County where the City of Jackson is situated is increasing exponentially, indicating that continued social distancing measures are needed to reduce the number of people who become sick at any given time; and

WHEREAS, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, on March 31, 2020, issued (1) a Mayoral Proclamation Continuing the Civil Emergency; (2) a Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order Continuing and Modifying the Executive Order Closing City Hall and Non-Essential City Offices and City-Owned or Leases Non-Essential Facilities, and Requiring Non-Essential City Employees to Work Remotely, and Restricting City Employee Travel; and (3) a Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order Requiring Individuals to Stay at Home and Practice Social Distancing Requirements, Barring Non-Essential Business, and Limiting Certain Other Activities in the City of Jackson in response to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, for the preservation of public health and safety throughout the City of Jackson, I find it necessary to continue measures consistent with state and federal public health guidance to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I further find it necessary to continue the Executive Orders identified above, and hereby incorporate the WHEREAS clauses of those Executive Orders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 45-17-1, et seq., and Section 45-17-7, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of the City of Jackson, do hereby order the following:


IT IS ORDERED that the Executive Orders executed and issued on March 31, 2020, namely: (1) a Mayoral Proclamation Continuing the Civil Emergency; (2) a Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order Continuing and Modifying the Executive Order Closing City Hall and Non-Essential City Offices and City-Owned or Leases Non-Essential Facilities, and Requiring Non-Essential City Employees to Work Remotely, and Restricting City Employee Travel; and (3) a Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order Requiring Individuals to Stay at Home and Practice Social Distancing Requirements, Barring Non-Essential Business, and Limiting Certain Other Activities in the City of Jackson in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 are continued in their entirety through April 30, 2020.

WITNESS MY HAND, on this the 16th day of April, 2020 at 5:11 a.m/p.m.



**CHOKWE A. LUMUMBA
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

ATTEST:



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