

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN REQUESTING COMPLIANCE WITH THE
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL GUIDELINES REGARDING COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City of Aberdeen Mayor and Board of Aldermen declared the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to be a State of Local Emergency.

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, hereby commends the citizens of Aberdeen for all the efforts made thus far to combat this disease. However, there is still more to be done.

THEREFORE, this Board strongly recommends and requests that all persons comply with all COVID-19 pandemic response guidelines of the Center for Disease Control, including but not limited to, restricting groups to less than ten people, maintaining proper social distancing, traveling for essential purposes only, and washing of hands. If someone is sick, that person shall stay home and seek medical care. We ask all of our businesses and industries to take the appropriate measures necessary to ensure the health of their employees and customers by following the approved guidelines, including the recommendations of the Mississippi Department of Health for food distribution by either curbside pick up or drive through and having a plan in place to mitigate any issues.

WHEREAS, Alderman Buffington made the motion to approve said Resolution and the motion was seconded by Alderwoman Odom.

The question was put to a roll call vote, the result being as follows:

Alderman Alonzo Sykes Voted AYE

Alderman Doug Stone Voted AYE

Alderman David Ewing Voted AYE

Alderwoman Carolyn Odom Voted AYE

Alderman Jim Buffington Voted AYE

The motion having received the affirmative unanimous vote of all members present, the motion carried.

ORDERED, this the 23th day of March, 2020.


JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK


MAURICE HOWARD, MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus; and

Whereas, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to be a “public health emergency”; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to be a “national emergency”; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2020, the City of Aberdeen Mayor and Board of Aldermen declared the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to be a State of Local Emergency; and

Whereas, the Mississippi Department of Health has reported confirmed cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus in Monroe County and in adjoining Counties in our area; and

Whereas, the Aberdeen Mayor and Board of Aldermen seek to limit the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus in Aberdeen.

Now therefore, I, Maurice Howard, Mayor of the City of Aberdeen, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and per Order of the Aberdeen Board of Aldermen, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Effective at midnight March 23, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. March 30, 2020, the following mandates shall take effect.

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

Churches and other places of worship shall limit persons inside their churches to less than 10 persons at one time.

Non-essential businesses shall limit persons inside their establishments to less than 10 persons at one time. We appreciate the cooperation of retailers and that they will understand the spirit of this Order. The main concern is to reduce human to human contact to limit the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The following list of non-essential businesses is given as a guideline.

Examples of non-essential business include barber shops and beauty salons, nail salons, day spas, sporting goods stores, retail stores, and gyms.

Essential businesses are defined as those businesses which provide essential workers or essential products to maintain the services and functions that our citizens depend on daily and that are necessary to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Examples of essential businesses include medical and health care clinics, gas stations, grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, cleaners and laundry mats, discount and dollar stores, banks, hardware stores, electrical stores, plumbing stores, auto parts stores, building material stores, funeral homes and day cares.

All essential businesses are reminded to follow all federal, state and local guidelines, proclamations, ordinances and orders, and to comply with all COVID-19 pandemic response guidelines of the CDC, the Mississippi Department of Health and the President of the United States.

We ask the public's cooperation to stay at home except when it is necessary to be out. We also ask them 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 who have invested time and money to serve us locally. Please encourage and pray for them.

We also request that all private gatherings be limited to less than 10 persons at one time.

We will increase City of Aberdeen Police presence after 8:00 P.M. each night to monitor compliance with this Executive Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately and end at 11:59 P.M. on March 30, 2020.

ORDERED, this the 23th day of March, 2020.



MAURICE HOWARD, MAYOR



JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK