EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-3

WHEREAS, the City of Hattiesburg has declared an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and in cases of pandemic, leaders must make strategic and operational decisions;

WHEREAS, the City of Hattiesburg has conferred with leaders from Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg Clinic and Merit Health Wesley throughout the COVID-19 outbreak; and has received further guidance from the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Executive Order 1463 from Governor Tate Reeves in regards to essential and nonessential services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Toby Barker, Mayor of the City of Hattiesburg, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the State of Mississippi pursuant to Code Section 33-15-17 (c) (7) and in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to make common sense policy and operational decisions to that end, and consistent with the stated purposes of Executive Order 1463 by Governor Tate Reeves, hereby issue the following guidelines for essential businesses in the City of Hattiesburg, which will be implemented beginning Wednesday, March 26, 2020, and will be enforced until April 30, 2020.

- All financial services institutions (including banks and related financial institutions, insurance, payroll, accounting, processing financial transactions and services related to financial markets) should limit public access to the building’s interior through and by appointment only. Banks can continue drive through service to customers.

- Gas stations, laundromats, automotive/bicycle repair shops, liquor and beer stores and should limit access to 10 or fewer customers at one time.

- Grocery stores, dollar stores, convenience stores, pharmacies and hardware/building material stores should implement systems to limit access to a certain number of customers at one time in the store. This limit should correspond to the square footage in their sales areas. Guidelines for these ratios will be sent to each store, and these systems should be in place no later than Thursday, March 26, 2020.

- Grocery stores, dollar stores, convenience stores, pharmacies and hardware/building material stores should not allow lines to form outside their entrances. Customers waiting to enter the building should wait at a vehicle.

- Grocery stores, dollar stores, convenience stores, pharmacies and hardware/building material stores should provide at least six (6) feet of space between customers in and around checkout lines.

- Grocery stores, dollar stores, convenience stores, pharmacies and hardware/building material stores should take steps to discourage clustering of customers in sales areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Toby Barker, Mayor of the City of Hattiesburg, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the State of Mississippi pursuant to Code Section 33-15-17 (c) (7) and in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to make common sense policy and operational decisions to that end, also issue the following guidelines for non-essential businesses in the City of Hattiesburg, which will be implemented beginning tomorrow, March 25, 2020, and will be enforced until April 30, 2020.

- All spas, nail salons, tattoo shops and massage parlors shall close.

- All barber shops and hair salons may continue to operate by appointment only. The barber, cosmetologist, stylist or other practitioner must wear personal protective equipment to cover his/her mouth. There shall be no available sitting area for waiting customers. There shall be a maximum of one customer in the building at one time. All barber shops and salons shall adhere to best practices and state regulations in regards to hand washing and cleaning, sanitizing and/or disinfecting chairs, floors and equipment thoroughly after each customer.

- Nonessential retail stores (sporting goods, clothing stores, florists, furniture stores, auto dealers (excluding auto repair shops), book stores and jewelry stores) shall limit access
to their stores to either curbside service, pickup sales or by appointment only. However, at no time shall there be more than 10 customers in a building at one time.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Toby Barker, Mayor of the City of Hattiesburg, also hereby order that this executive order (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-2) further expands those previously issued guidelines from EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-2, issued on Saturday, March 21, 2020; and EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-1, issued on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Toby Barker, Mayor of the City of Hattiesburg, also hereby order that if any part of this order or any other executive order made during the COVID-19 State of Emergency in the City of Hattiesburg 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.

Toby Barker, Mayor

Kermas Eaton, City Clerk