

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Whereas, the City of Ruleville, Mississippi, is concerned for the health, safety, and welfare of the City's citizens arising from the Novel (new to humans) COVID-19 Pandemic.

Acknowledging

the findings by the World Health Organization, the State of Emergency declared by the United States

President and State of Emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Mississippi, social distancing and

non-essential gatherings of more than 10 people is necessary for the health and safety of the citizens of

Ruleville to minimize the risk of infection and possible risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Therefore, pursuant to *Miss. Code Ann.* § 33-15-1, et. seq., the Mayor of the City of Ruleville hereby declares that a state of local emergency exists within the City.

Be it known that the local powers in the case of a declared state of local emergency

include:

During a local emergency, the governing body of a political subdivision may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety. Such orders and regulations and amendments and rescissions thereof shall be in writing and shall be given widespread notice and publicity. The authorization granted by this section to impose a curfew shall not be construed as restricting in any manner the existing authority to impose a curfew pursuant to police power for any other lawful purpose..”

Miss. Code Ann. §33-15-17 (d)

Be it further resolved that pursuant to *Miss. Code Ann.* §33-15-17 (d), that the Board of Aldermen of the City shall review and approve or disapprove the need for continuing the local emergency at its first regular meeting following such proclamation or at a special meeting legally called for such review. Thereafter, the City shall review the need for continuing the local emergency

at least every thirty (30) days until such local emergency is terminated, and shall proclaim the termination of such local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

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AND IT ORDERED that copies of this proclamation shall be forwarded to:

1. Honorable Tate Reeves
Governor of the State of Mississippi
20th Floor, Walter Sillers Building
P.O.BOX 139
Jackson. MS 39205
2. Director, Plans and Operations Division
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
1410 Riverside Drive
Jackson. Ms. 39206
FAX# 352-8314
3. Danny Evans, Director
Sunflower County EMS
200 Main Street
Indianola, MS 38751

HAVING POLLED the board of aldermen for the City and receiving their unanimous support, this declaration and any municipal order, regulation or curfew issued hereunder shall be subject to consideration, approval and ratification in accordance with the above authority.

EXECUTED, SIGNED and POSTED this 20th day of March, 2020. This the 20th day of March, 2020.

Shirley Edwards

Shirley Edwards, Mayor

P.O. Box 428

Ruleville, MS 38771



Attest:

Joyce Walker

Joyce Walker, City Clerk