

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

CERTIFICATE

I, Ashley Atkinson, City Clerk for the City of Oxford, Mississippi, hereby certify that the following Resolution was duly passed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, at a Regular Board Meeting held on the 17th day of March, 2020.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I signed and sealed this instrument as the City Clerk of Oxford, Mississippi, this the 18th day of March, 2020.



Ashley Atkinson, City Clerk



A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, DECLARING A CIVIL EMERGENCY, AND FOR THE CONTROL
OF CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, AND RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. §33-15-11(b)(17), Governor Tate Reeves declared a State of Emergency existed in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the risk of spread of COVID-19 within Mississippi constitutes a public emergency that has resulted in substantial injury or harm to life, health, and property within Mississippi, and in the City of Oxford, and COVID-19 has already been detected in numerous individuals in several counties throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health confirmed the first presumptive case of COVID-19 in Mississippi and as of March 17, 2020, there are 21 presumptive and confirmed cases in Mississippi that have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and the City of Oxford is being adversely affected by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and there exists a continued threat to the public's safety, private property and the social and economic welfare to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Director for the Emergency Department, and President of the Medical Staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital – North Mississippi (“BMH-NM”) has informed the governing authorities of the City of Oxford that it is imperative that the City take drastic measures to reduce transmission of COVID-19, including practicing social distancing to include no gatherings greater than ten people and rigorous hygiene, and has further informed the City of Oxford that, although BMH-NM has only limited testing ability and has tested only patients sick enough to be admitted to the hospital, it is his opinion that COVID-19 already is present in this community; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for responding to COVID-19 also suggests avoiding crowds or gatherings of more than 10 people, especially for older adults and individuals with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the governmental authority of the City of Oxford has reviewed and accepts the findings of the CDC, and of the Medical Director for BMH-NM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford is densely populated, and contains significant populations of both older, at-risk individuals in the City's large retirement community, and younger individuals who travel broadly and frequently; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §45-17-3 allows the City of Oxford to proclaim a civil emergency if it determines that a natural disaster which has caused death or injury has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the City finds COVID-19 a natural disaster which has caused and will continue to cause injury to persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens and visitors to Oxford and Lafayette County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code. Ann. §45-17-5 allows the City of Oxford to order a general curfew as deemed necessary in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of citizens and visitors to Oxford and Lafayette County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §45-17-7 allows the City of Oxford after declaration of civil emergency and in the interest of the public safety and welfare to order the discontinuance of the sale of intoxicating liquor and/or beer and to issue such other orders as are necessary for the protection of life of citizens and visitors to Oxford and Lafayette County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-3 allows the City of Oxford to make regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious or infectious diseases; to make quarantine for this purpose and enforce same within five miles of corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-17 allows the City of Oxford to restrict the movement for public safety and allows the City of Oxford the power to make such regulation to protect the health and lives and to enhance the general welfare of the community by restricting such movements of its citizens, or any group thereof, when there is eminent danger to the public safety because of freedom of movement thereof; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-29 allows the City of Oxford to regulate the entrances to public halls and buildings, and the way of ingress and egress to and from the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, that the City of Oxford hereby adopts the following emergency measures that shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until rescinded by the governmental authority of the City of Oxford (unless a different effective date is stated in such measure(s)), to protect the public health, safety, and welfare from the spread of a contagious or infectious disease and to eliminate or limit injuries or deaths that may occur in the absence of such measures:

Section 1: Effective immediately and for a period of fifteen days unless extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of Oxford, all restaurants shall only serve food using drive-through, curbside (only) pick-up, or delivery methods, and shall not allow the use by the public of interior or exterior common dining or bar facilities.

Section 2: The Mayor may order the closing of all retail liquor stores and the discontinuance of the sale of intoxicating liquor and/or beer;

Section 3: The Mayor may order a general curfew applicable to such geographical areas of the municipality, or to the municipality as a whole, as he or she deems advisable, and applicable during such hours of the day or night as he or she deems necessary in the interest of the public safety and welfare, with such curfew only to remain in effect for a period not to exceed five days, or an earlier date of rescission as may be ordered by the Mayor;

Section 4: The Mayor may issue such other orders as are necessary for the protection of life and liberty.

Alderman Addy made the motion, which was seconded by Alderman Bailey to adopt the foregoing Resolution, which was introduced in writing at the meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, held on March 17, 2020, and was at said meeting, read, considered, and adopted, paragraph by paragraph, section by section, then as a whole, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Addy	voted	aye
Alderman Huelse	voted	aye
Alderman Antonow	voted	aye
Alderman Howell-Atkinson	voted	aye
Alderman Taylor	voted	aye
Alderman Bailey	voted	aye
Alderman Morgan	voted	aye

APPROVED, this the 17th day of March, 2020



ROBYN TANNEHILL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ASHLEY ATKINSON, CITY CLERK

