

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER

*Limiting the amount of customers in retail establishments*



## **EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, LIMITING THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS IN RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME**

**WHEREAS**, there are confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, in Mississippi, Yazoo County, and Yazoo City, as confirmed by the State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Officer has reported that there is a high risk for an outbreak in the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Department of Health has confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Mississippi, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Mississippi's general public and creating an extreme public health risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States of America has declared a nationwide state of emergency, the Governor of the State of Mississippi has declared that a state of emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of COVID-19 and has ordered Mississippians to shelter-in-place, and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, has in accordance with Section 33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, declared a local state of emergency as a result of the pandemic created by the novel coronavirus and has limited non-essential gatherings, implemented a curfew, and closed certain businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons within the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, have arisen as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, government authorities all over the globe are taking extraordinary measures to protect their citizens and flatten the growth curve of cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Department of Health has advised that citizens practice social distancing, and on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States of America recommended avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people, and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City has limited non-essential gatherings to no more than 5 people in the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yazoo City is a small City where more extraordinary measures must be taken for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, especially where social distancing guidelines are presently being ignored; and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures related to decreasing the spread of COVID-19 are necessary, unavoidable, and in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, to maintain the life, property, health, safety, welfare, good order, and public peace, of citizens and the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that in accordance with the declaration of emergency pursuant to Section 33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, in accordance with the authority granted pursuant to Section 45-17-1, *et seq.*, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, and the authority of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of this special charter municipality, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, hereby issues this Emergency Order Limiting the Number of Customers in Retail Establishments At Any Given Time in the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

**IT IS ORDERED** that all retailers and/or retail establishments still open and/or operating with 100,000 square feet or more will be limited to 30 customers at any given time; all retailers and/or retail establishments still open and/or operating with 25,000 to 99,999 square feet will be limited to 20 customers at any given time; all retailers and/or retail establishments still open and/or operating with 24,999 square feet or less will be limited to 10 customers at any given time.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all retailers and/or retail establishments must provide customers hand sanitizer and/or sanitization wipes; must adhere to the most recent social distancing guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Mississippi Department of Health, including staying six feet (6 ft.) away from others and practicing regular hand-washing.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Emergency Order be (1) promptly filed with the City Clerk and (2) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Emergency Order.


**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that violations of this Emergency Order may be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Section 45-17-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and the orders of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that this Emergency Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by another applicable order by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

**AS APPROVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

  
DIANE DELAWARE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Kanelia Williams, City Clerk