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Mayor Scott Conger

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

No. 2020-02

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has a responsibility to take all possible actions to ensure the health and safety of our staff and our citizens in the event of infectious disease pandemics; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was a pandemic and on March 12, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee declared a State of Emergency to deploy additional resources to combat the spread of the virus, and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency over the coronavirus pandemic, and on March 16, I, Mayor Scott Conger declared a state of emergency related to the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, empirical evidence from other communities and nations indicates that the spread of the disease is most effectively slowed by social distancing and reducing interactions among dense groups of people; and

**WHEREAS**, after proclamation of a civil emergency, the Mayor, in the interest of public safety and welfare, may make all orders necessary for the protection of life and property, including but not limited to, the closure of certain establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this administration is to continue to provide a high-performing government that will be flexible, and capable of meeting the challenges of this pandemic as they come,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Scott Conger, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, by virtue of the executive and administrative authority vested in me by the Charter of the City of Jackson, and laws of the state of Tennessee, do hereby Declare a State of Emergency, and do hereby direct and order that the following policies be enacted immediately:

- 1.) All Restaurants and Bars will follow Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No 17.

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- 2.) Any retail business whose brick-and-mortar premises remain open to the public shall abide by social distancing practices to the extent practicable while providing services. These include all reasonable efforts to keep customers six feet apart and frequent use of sanitizing products on common surfaces.
- 3.) All restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, are permitted to operate their normal business hours, but are limited to offering only food delivery and/or take-out services. The on-premises consumption of alcohol and food is prohibited.
- 4.) All recreational and entertainment businesses, including but not limited to the following list, must close to the public as long as this order remains in effect:
  - a. Gyms and fitness centers and classes in accordance with Executive Order No. 17 by Governor Bill Lee
  - b. Entertainment centers, including but not limited to, movie theaters, country clubs, performing arts centers, concert venues, and nightclubs.
  - c. All indoor portions of retail shopping malls. Restaurants and other stores located within shopping malls that have their own external entrances open to the public, separate from the general mall entrance, may remain open pursuant to the Order. All entrances and exits to the common area portions of retail shopping malls must remain closed.
  - d. Facilities where personal care services are performed that, by their very nature, result in noncompliance with social distancing guidelines, including but not limited to cosmetology shops; barber shops; beauty salons; spas, at which solely elective and cosmetic medical procedures are performed, massage parlors, tanning salons, tattoo parlors.
- 5.) This Order does not prohibit an employee, contractor, vendor, or supplier of subject establishments from entering, exiting, using, or occupying that establishment in their professional capacity.
- 6.) All Funerals, Celebrations of Life, Cremation Services, and Memorial Services should only be attended by close family OR less than 10 people per venue in accordance with Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order #17
- 7.) The Jackson Police Department is authorized to enforce and close those businesses not in compliance of Governor Lee's Executive Order #17 or this Order.

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- 8.) Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit, prohibit, or restrict in any way the provision of health care or medical services to members of the public.
- 9.) Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit, prohibit, or restrict in any way access to essential services for low-income residents, including but not limited to food banks.
- 10.) Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit, prohibit, or restrict in any way the operations of newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- 11.) Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit, prohibit, or restrict in any way the operations of law enforcement agencies.
- 12.) Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit, prohibit, or restrict in any way the operations of manufacturing or critical infrastructure sectors as defined by Department of Homeland Security.
- 13.) Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit, prohibit, or restrict in any way the operations of Child Care Facilities. They should continue to follow guidelines provided by the Tennessee Department of Human Services.
- 14.) The operative paragraphs of Executive Order No. 2020-01 are hereby superseded in full
- 15.) All of these changes take effect at 12:01 a.m. Monday March 23, 2020.
- 16.) This Order shall remain in effect until withdrawn, and supersedes previous orders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Jackson to be affixed this 22nd day of March 2020.



  
Scott Conger, Mayor of Jackson