

March 27, 2020
CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

WHEREAS, there exist certain matters which the below signed Mayor and Council Members of the City of Gautier desire to handle prior to the next regular meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Mayor and Council Members of the City of Gautier hereby call for a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gautier, said meeting to be held in the Gautier Municipal Building, 3330 HWY 90, Gautier, Mississippi, on March, 27, 2020 at 1:30 PM. This Special Meeting is called in accordance with Section 21-9-39, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The agenda of said Special Meeting shall be as follows:

AGENDA
CITY OF GAUTIER
March 27, 2020 at 1:30 PM

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Agenda Order Approval**
- III. Business Agenda**

Discussion of possible regulations, strategies, policies and actions to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-3 and 21-19-17.

Adjourn until April 7, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
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/s/ Phil Torjusen
MAYOR PHIL TORJUSEN

/s/ Adam Colledge
COUNCILMAN COLLEDGE

/s/ Mary Martin
COUNCILWOMAN MARTIN

/s/ Rusty Anderson
COUNCILMAN ANDERSON

/s/ Casey Vaughan
COUNCILMAN VAUGHAN

/s/ Richard Jackson
COUNCILMAN JACKSON

/s/ Cameron George
COUNCILMAN GEORGE

**ORDER IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION
AND SPREAD OF COVID-19, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO
MISS. CODE ANN. § 21-19-3**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") that has now spread globally; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020, under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency, permitting the federal government to make available \$50 billion in emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves signed a State of Emergency in response to the spread of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor of Gautier, Phil Torjusen issued a proclamation of a local emergency due to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which have arisen within said City of Gautier, Mississippi due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council of Gautier ratified the proclamation of local emergency and continued the existence of same; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tate Reeves has issued multiple Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 emergency, including Executive Order No. 1463, and Supplement to Executive Order No. 1463 to provide guidance and authority for local governments to ensure the safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-3, the City is authorized to implement regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious or infectious diseases; to make quarantine laws for that purpose, and to enforce the same within five miles of the corporate limits; and to establish pesthouses outside the corporate limits, and to provide for the support and government of the same; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-17, the City is authorized to implement regulations to protect property, health and lives and to enhance the general welfare of the community by restricting the movements of the citizens, or any group thereof, of such municipalities when there is eminent danger to the public safety because of freedom of movement thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and in the best interest of the public welfare and safety to impose certain regulations pursuant to Mississippi law for the purposes protecting

life and property, preserving the public order and safety, and limiting and containing the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council of Gautier, Mississippi hereby adopts and implements the following temporary regulations, which shall become effective at 3:00 p.m. CST on March 27, 2020:

- a) Indoor and other seated dining shall be prohibited at all restaurants, bars, and other dining establishments. Such establishments may only sell or distribute food and beverage by means of carryout, walk-out, curbside, drive-up, drive-thru, and delivery. For any such establishment selling or distributing food and beverage by means of carryout, no more than five (5) customers shall be allowed in the establishment at any given time. Such establishments are responsible for ensuring compliance with the foregoing limitation.
- b) The following buildings, business, establishments, and places shall be closed: gyms, salons, nail salons, barbershops, and indoor entertainment venues.
- c) All persons in the City of Gautier are strongly encouraged, to the extent reasonably practicable, to exercise safe social distancing practices by avoiding groups in excess of ten (10) and staying at least six (6) feet away from others.
- d) All essential retail establishments still in operation must offer customers hand sanitizer, and must disinfect and sanitize common areas on a regular basis (at least daily).
- e) All regulations and restrictions established by Executive Order No. 1463 and Supplement to Executive Order No. 1463 issued by Governor Tate Reeves are hereby adopted and enforceable by the City of Gautier.

SECTION 2: The foregoing regulations shall remain in effect until the end of this state of emergency, or at such time as determined by the City Council.

SECTION 3: Violations of the foregoing regulations are punishable as allowed by Mississippi law, including a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not exceeding six (6) months or both.

Motion was made by **BLANK** seconded by **BLANK** and the following vote was recorded:

AYES:

NAYS:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

BLANK by Mayor and Members of the Council of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, at the meeting of March 27, 2020.