

**EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR CERTAIN BUSINESS CLOSURES UNDER LOCAL
EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of March, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and MCA Section 33-15-11(b)(17) (1972, as amended), declared a State of Emergency to exist in the State of Mississippi with respect to the worldwide outbreak of the novel coronavirus, identified as COVID-19, and did thereafter also issue multiple Executive Orders thereunder, including but not limited to the March 16 Executive Order No. 1458 through the March 31 Executive Order No. 1465; and

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of March, 2020, pursuant to MCA Section 33-15-17(d), and such other authority vested in me, and in furtherance of the March 14 declaration of the Governor of the State of Mississippi and all Executive Orders issued by him subsequent thereto, I Gene F. McGee, Mayor of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi did declare and proclaim a local emergency as defined in MCA Section 33-15-5(g) to exist in the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, for the reasons set forth therein, which Proclamation contained a finding that the risk of spread of COVID-19 constituted a public and local emergency in the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, and accordingly that, subject to an order from the Governor, the power and authority derived from MCA Section 33-15-17(c) be implemented as necessary; and

WHEREAS, said conditions caused by the spread of COVID-19 are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and may require the combined forces of other subdivisions of the State to combat; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to my March 17, 2020, Emergency Proclamation, all provisions provided by Miss. Code. Ann. § 33-15-1 et seq., the “Mississippi Emergency Management Law,” became available to the Mayor and the City to ensure the protection of the life, safety, and health of the residents of the City of Ridgeland; and

WHEREAS, I did therein proclaim that during the local emergency, the governing body of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders and regulations imposing a curfew within the designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety, which orders and regulations and amendments and rescissions thereof are to be in writing and which shall be given widespread notice and publicity;

IT IS NOW THEREFORE ORDERED by me in my exercise of executive power of the municipality, and in my superintending control of all the officers and affairs of the municipality, conferred upon me by statute, Miss. Code Ann. § 21-3-15 (Rev. 2015), that the certain types of non-essential businesses should be and are hereby ordered to close and cease operations until April 30, 2020, and that other businesses should be encouraged to follow closely certain national health guidelines. Therefore, in order to preserve the public order and protect the life, safety, and health of the residents of the City of Ridgeland, I hereby order that the following restrictions and recommendations on Ridgeland businesses be put in place beginning April 2, 2020 at 12:01 am and continuing through and until April 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm:

1. All nail salons, exercise studios, fitness centers and facilities, exercise gyms, cross training gyms, and other similar businesses shall close during the effective period of this Order.
2. All hair salons should follow the recommendations of the MS State Board of Cosmetology (www.msbc.ms.gov/response-to-covid-19/)
3. All places of indoor public amusement and recreation, including but not limited to libraries, skating facilities, bowling alleys, children party or play facilities, trampoline parks, and movie theaters shall close during the effective period of this Order.
4. All restaurants may only provide take-out, pick-up, delivery, or drive-thru and shall close all indoor and outdoor dine-in seating areas for the public during the effective period of this Order.
5. All essential businesses, as defined by the Governor's March 24 Executive Order No. 1463 are encouraged to follow the national health guidelines promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC").

This action is necessary under the ongoing local emergency for protection of the life, safety, and health of the residents of the City of Ridgeland, and to preserve the public order. This Order shall be subject to any Executive Order issued by the Governor of Mississippi which remains in place and effective, is in accordance with the policies and plans set by the federal and state emergency management agencies, and shall be given widespread notice and publicity.

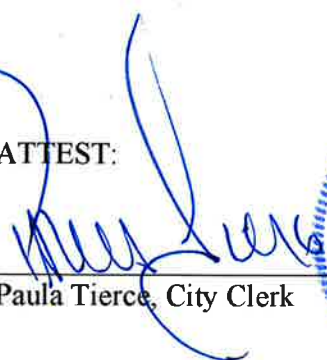
SO ORDERED this the 1st day of April, 2020, by me as the Mayor of the City of Ridgeland, pursuant my March 17, 2020, Emergency Proclamation and pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by Miss. Code Ann. § 21-3-15, by the "Mississippi Emergency Management Law," and by other general law.

City of Ridgeland, Mississippi

By: 

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Paula Tierce, City Clerk

