

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCLAMATION REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF
VICKSBURG WHILE MINIMIZING THE RISK OF INFECTION AND TO PREVENT
THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, EFFECTIVE AT NOON ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5,
2020, THROUGH 8:00 A.M. ON MONDAY JANUARY 4, 2021.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§45-17-1 through 45-17-13, and §33-15-17 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the Mayor is authorized to proclaim that a Civil Emergency exists defined as any natural disaster or man-made calamity resulting in the death or injury of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, §21-19-3 gives municipalities the authority to make regulations to prevent the spreading of contagious or infectious diseases and to make quarantine laws for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, §33-15-17 authorizes the Mayor to control or restrict egress, ingress and movement within the local emergency area necessary to facilitate the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these laws, the Mayor is authorized to issue such orders as he deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) that has spread across this nation is a worldwide pandemic and as of December 4, 2020, the Mississippi Department of Health has reported 161,516 positive confirmed cases and 3,916 deaths in Mississippi which includes 1,895 cases and 59 deaths in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, previous emergency orders have required that persons stay at home and that certain businesses be closed in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Mississippi has adopted a Safe Return Order in an effort to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while allowing the businesses to open and persons to return to work; and

WHEREAS, it is likewise necessary for Vicksburg businesses to safely open and Vicksburg citizens to safely return to work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG pursuant to §§45-17-1 through 45-17-13, §21-19-3 and §33-15-17 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the following regulations apply:

In addition to the regulations effective December 2, 2020, the following regulations shall be in effect on at Noon on Saturday, December 5, 2020, and continuing through 8:00 A.M. on January 4, 2021:


1. All persons are required to wear a face covering, both indoors and outdoors, at group/social gatherings if social distancing (6 feet apart from persons who are not household members) is not or cannot be practiced.

2. Group/social gathering temperature checks – Prior to entering a group/social gathering, inside or outside, of more than twenty (20) people, the host or other designated responsible person must check the temperature of all persons requesting entrance. If a person's temperature is higher than 100.4°, the person must not be allowed to enter the group/social gathering. Examples of a group/social gathering are a private party, house party, wedding, wedding reception, wedding or baby shower, sporting event, funeral, worship service, or other social event. The host or other designated responsible person must also keep a list of persons attending the gathering and contact information for contact tracing if needed.
3. Restaurants and bars - Businesses that sell alcohol for consumption on its premises or businesses that allow consumption of alcohol on its premises must check the temperature of every employee and patron prior to entrance. If a person's temperature is above 100.4°, the person must not be allowed to enter the premises.
4. The Block Party scheduled for Downtown Vicksburg on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 is cancelled and all future Block Parties are cancelled until further notice.

Violation of this EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION will be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Sec. 45-17-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, Sec. 33-15-7 and Sec. 1-9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Vicksburg, including a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and 90 days in jail.

THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE IN EFFECT BEGINNING AT NOON ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020, AND SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL 8:00 A.M. ON MONDAY JANUARY 4, 2021, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED HEREIN OR EXTENDED, MODIFIED OR REPEALED BY A SUBSEQUENT PROCLAMATION.

SO RESOLVED this the 4th day of December 2020.



GEORGE FLAGG, JR., MAYOR
CITY OF VICKSBURG, MS

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

