

**EMERGENCY ORDER AND PROCLAMATION THAT A CIVIL EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI DUE TO THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID -19) IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI**

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND ORDER**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §45-17-1 through 45-17-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, entitled Civil Emergencies, authorizes the Mayor 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, the Civil Emergencies law authorizes the Mayor to issue such orders as she deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Crystal Springs, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has spread across this nation, is a worldwide pandemic, and as of July 7, 2020, the Mississippi Department of Health has reported 32,888 positive confirmed cases and 1,188 deaths in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Copiah County, Mississippi has reported 627 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 15 confirmed deaths resulting from COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Health and the CDC have advised all citizens to practice social distancing which is staying at least 6 feet apart from one another, and to wear masks in all places open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the the CDC, the Governor of Mississippi, and the Mississippi Health Department have recommended that all persons wear mask in public places; and

WHEREAS, these extraordinary measures related to the spread of the Coronavirus are necessary for the health, safety, welfare and good order to protect the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SALLY GARLAND., MAYOR OF THE CITY CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME PURSUANT TO §§45-17-1 THROUGH 45-17-13 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED CIVIL EMERGENCIES, HEREBY ISSUE THIS ORDER THAT A CIVIL EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI DUE TO THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), AND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. All persons shall wear a cloth or equivalent covering or mask which covers the areas of the face including the nostrils and the mouth in any place open to the public including businesses, churches, restaurants and public indoor assemblies. This shall apply to owners and employees of businesses open to the public when any member of the public is present, and to any member of the public entering such area. This order shall not apply to outdoor recreation activities or assemblies where 6 foot social distancing is observed and persons of the same household traveling together. Persons in restaurants may remove masks to eat or drink. This proclamation requiring face covering shall not apply to children younger than 2 years old; anyone who has a medical condition causing trouble breathing; or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance. This proclamation shall be enforced first by warning prior to issuing a citation. Violation after warning shall be enforced by citation to Municipal Court.

2. Persons, firms, businesses or organizations set forth in Section 1 of this proclamation shall adopt a "No mask, No Entry" policy and shall not allow entry into their premises unless the customer and the business premises employees wear masks while inside.

3. City police and employees are directed to enforce any and all Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi or any other authorized State Official, and this proclamation which are intended to impact City of the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

4. Violation of this proclamation shall be deemed a violation of City Ordinance No. 406 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$300 and or imprisonment not to exceed six month in jail or both.

**THIS ORDER SHALL BE IN EFFECT BEGINNING NOON, JULY 9, 2020 AND TERMINATE ON AUGUST 3, 2020, AT MIDNIGHT, UNLESS EXTENDED BY A SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY ORDER.**

This order shall be returnable to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and spread in the minutes at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

SO ORDERED, this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



Sally Garland  
Mayor

*Kimberly Alkayh*  
City Clerk

