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Pascagoula City Council COVID-19 Update

PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI –

On April 28, 2020, the City Council adopted a Resolution implementing certain regulations related to COVID-19 mitigation and prevention. With limited exceptions, the Resolution imposes a curfew on minors under the age of eighteen from the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Significantly, the Resolution also repeals the City's previous COVID-19-related regulations and, instead, provides that the Governor's Executive Orders related to COVID-19 are adopted and will be enforced by the City. As a result, the City encourages everyone to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders. This is an evolving process, and guidance from the Governor's Office is changing on a routine basis. The City will, accordingly, provide information to the public as quickly as possible as new regulations are implemented by the Governor. Below are some of the key provisions currently implemented by the Governor that are likely to have a wide impact on our City:

- The State is under a Safer-At-Home order through at least 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020, during which time vulnerable individuals are strongly encouraged to stay at home.
- Operating a business and performing the duties of employment are defined as "essential activities," and traveling to and from your place of employment is defined as "essential travel." These activities are, accordingly, permitted.
- Leaving your house to obtain food and supplies is an "essential activity" and is, therefore permitted.
- Retail stores must limit the number of customers in their stores at one time to no greater than 50% of store capacity.
- Restaurants and bars are permitted to provide drive-thru, curbside, and/or delivery service. Restaurants and bars serving food are, effective as of 8:00 a.m. on May 7, 2020, also permitted to provide in-house dining. Owners of such

establishments are encouraged to review the Governor's Executive Order No. 1478, which contains detailed requirements for in-house dining operations. Please note that customers may not congregate in waiting areas and must maintain social distancing of six feet.

- Effective at 8:00 a.m. on May 7, 2020, City parks will be open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Individuals utilizing the City's parks must maintain a distance of six feet from others. Indoor group gatherings are limited to ten participants, and outdoor group gatherings are limited to twenty participants.
- Effective at 8:00 a.m. on May 7, 2020, outdoor recreation is permitted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Individuals engaging in such recreation must maintain a distance of six feet from others. Indoor group gatherings are limited to ten participants, and outdoor group gatherings are limited to twenty participants.
- Fitness and exercise gyms, dance studios, clubs, tattoo parlors, spas, salons, barber shops, and all other personal care and personal grooming facilities shall remain closed to the public, but may continue Minimum Operations limited to retail sales by drive-thru, curbside, and/or delivery services.