

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1478 OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WITH RESPECT TO ONLY RESTAURANT OPERATIONS TO AUTHORIZE RESTAURANTS TO RESUME IN-HOUSE DINING SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS THEREIN

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19, the President of the United States of America has declared a nationwide state of emergency, the Governor of the State of Mississippi has declared that a state of emergency exists in the State of Mississippi, and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, has in accordance with Section 33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, declared a local state of emergency as a result of the pandemic created by the novel coronavirus and has limited non-essential gatherings, implemented a curfew, and closed certain businesses; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures related to decreasing the spread of COVID-19 remain necessary, unavoidable, and in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, to maintain the life, property, health, safety, welfare, good order, and public peace, of citizens and the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi issued Executive Order No. 1477 establishing the statewide Safer at Home allowing certain businesses to open and operate under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi issued Executive Order No. 1478, stating “a continued measured and strategic plan to reopen the economy is essential to the health, safety and well-being of Mississippi residents, and in consultation with the State Health Officer, there are certain additional business operations and other activities that can safely resume”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons within the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, remain as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yazoo City is a small City where more extraordinary measures must continue for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, especially where social distancing guidelines continue to be ignored; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, find it in the best interest of the City of Yazoo City to resume only restaurant operations subject to the limitations and provisions set forth in Executive Order No. 1478 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in accordance with the declaration of emergency pursuant to Section 33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, in accordance with the authority granted pursuant to Section 45-17-1, *et seq.*,

Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, and the authority of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of this special charter municipality, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, hereby issue this Emergency Proclamation adopting the provisions of Executive Order No. 1478 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi with respect to only restaurant operations to authorize restaurants to resume in-house dining subject to the limitations therein.

IT IS ORDERED that from and after 8:00 a.m. on May 7, 2020, restaurants may resume in-house (indoor and outdoor) dining subject to the following limitations:

- I. Prior to resuming in-house dining, the entire restaurant, including areas not open to the public, shall be deep cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized.
- II. Restaurants shall set hours of operations to close to the public no later than 10:00 p.m.
- III. Pursuant to Paragraph I(h)(ii) of Executive Order No. 1477 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi, restaurants shall take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with the Mississippi State Department of Health's and CDC's regulations, orders and guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to: social distancing; sending sick employees home; actively encouraging sick employees to stay home; separating and sending home employees who appear to have respiratory illness symptoms; adopting and enforcing regular and proper hand-washing and personal hygiene protocols; and daily screening of employees for COVID-19 related symptoms before beginning their shifts.
- IV. Restaurants shall conduct a daily screening of all employees at the beginning of their shifts. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home:
 1. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 2. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
 3. Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
 4. Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
 5. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- V. All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their supervisor, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
- VI. Appropriate PPE shall be worn by all employees based on their duties and responsibilities and in adherence to state and local regulations and guidelines. Every employee who comes into direct contact with customers shall be provided a cloth mask and required to wear that mask while on duty.
- VII. All employees shall be provided training regarding minimizing the spread of COVID-19, including the importance of frequent hand washing and personal hygiene, proper sanitation, cough and sneeze etiquette, use of PPE, and safe food-handling procedures.

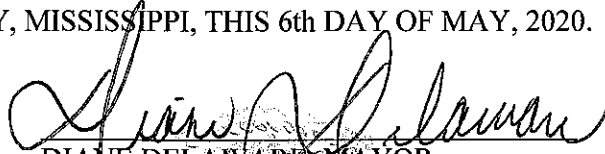
- VIII. Where possible, workstations should be staggered so employees can avoid standing next to each other. Where separation of workstations is not possible, the frequency of surface cleaning and sanitizing should be increased.
- IX. Break rooms shall be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized, and the number of employees in the break room shall be limited to allow for strict social distancing (a minimum of six feet between employees).
- X. The number of customers in the restaurant shall be no greater than 50% of seating capacity.
- XI. Floor plans shall be updated to ensure at least six feet of separation between each party/group whether dining indoor or outdoor. Party sizes shall be limited to a maximum of six customers per table.
- XII. Bar areas in the restaurant that do not offer food services shall remain closed, and live music shall not be permitted.
- XIII. The use of technology solutions to minimize person-to-person contact is encouraged, including mobile reservations systems, text upon arrival, mobile ordering, and contactless payment options.
- XIV. Signage shall be posted at each entrance stating no customer with a fever or other symptom of COVID-19 is permitted in the restaurant.
- XV. Customers shall be screened for illness upon their entry into the restaurant.
- XVI. Customers shall not be allowed to congregate in the waiting area or bar area of a restaurant. The restaurant shall adopt a process to ensure that a minimum of six feet separation is maintained between customers while waiting to be seated or in the bar area of a restaurant.
- XVII. All front-of-house high contact surfaces shall be sanitized, at a minimum, every two hours.
- XVIII. The use of disposable menus is encouraged. All non-disposable menus shall be sanitized between each use.
- XIX. Tables, chairs, and tabletop items shall be sanitized after each table turns.
- XX. Buffet Service:
 - 1. Self-service buffets, food stations, and drink stations are prohibited.
 - 2. Cafeteria style (worker served) buffets and food stations are permitted with appropriate barriers in place.
- XXI. Hand sanitizer shall be placed at all points of entry and exit, the hostess station, in or near the bathrooms, and at the cashier station.
- XXII. All food service areas shall be deep cleaned daily.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Emergency Order be (1) promptly filed with the City Clerk and (2) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Emergency Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that violations of this Emergency Order may be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Section 45-17-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and the orders of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this Emergency Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by another applicable order by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

AS APPROVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2020.


DIANE DELAWARE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Kanelha Williams, City Clerk