

ORDER ENACTING CURFEW PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE § 33-15-17 COVID-19  
EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, The Board of Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Clarksdale, Mississippi proclaimed the Existence of a Local Emergency dated March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed cases within Coahoma County, Mississippi, of which the City of Clarksdale is the largest municipality and County Seat, has increased almost daily since the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Miss. Code § 33-15-7 to hinder the spread of COVID-19 under the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency dated March 17, 2020 the Board of Mayor and Commissioners find it necessary to place all citizens, travelers, and businesses under a curfew.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Clarksdale, Mississippi Orders as follows:

1. From 10:00 p.m. in the evening to 5:00 a.m. the following morning, all persons (whether on foot or in or upon a vehicle) shall be off the streets and out of the public places of the City of Clarksdale and shall shelter in place at their residences, whether temporary or permanent.
2. From 10:00 p.m. in the evening to 5:00 a.m. in the morning, all non-essential establishments and businesses, including, but not limited to gas stations, restaurants, clubs, and bars, shall be closed and not open to the public and their employees.
3. Those persons traveling on a direct route between his or her residence and his or her place of employment, with identification or other proof of their place of business, shall be given exception from this Order as well as persons in public due to an emergency affecting life or property which initially serves as a cause for the person's public presence.
4. Essential businesses, the employees of essential businesses, senior City and County elected officials and employees, including, but not limited to law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel, shall be given exception from this Order.
5. Essential business shall include the following:
  - a. Medical facilities, including pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, and emergency medical transportation services;
  - b. Grocery stores;
  - c. Express delivery services, such as FedEx, but **not** including Postmates, UberEats, and like food delivery services; and
  - d. Security services, including those for non-essential businesses.

6. This Order supersedes any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City in conflict with this Order, except that minors are still subject to the 9:00 p.m. curfew on weekdays found in Ordinance No. 2018-03.
7. Unless otherwise stated, the definitions and penalties for violation found in Ordinance No. 2018-03 shall be the same for this Order.
8. This Order shall be effective from Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until it is reviewed and reevaluated on Monday, April 13, 2020.

SO ORDERED, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.



  
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Chuck Espy, Mayor

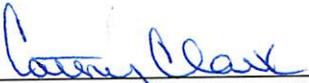
  
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Willie Turner, Jr., Commissioner - Ward 3

  
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Edward Seals, Commissioner - Ward 4

ATTEST:

By:   
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CATHY CLARK, City Clerk

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