

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI FOR COVID-19, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE IMMEDIATE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITY'S CITIZENS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, due to potential which may result from COVID-19, a state of emergency exists in the City of Biloxi and has been so declared by Mayor Gilich and by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws of the State of Mississippi the City of Biloxi has the power to enter into contracts, incur obligations necessary to combat the emergency, provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victims of the emergency, without regard to the time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to the performance of public works, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Section 15-1-21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Biloxi has been amended to specifically provide for the manner of personnel compensation during emergencies declared by the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to spread on the minutes the schedule to be followed by city employees during this declared emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION 1: That a state of emergency exists in the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, and the Mayor of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to do all things

reasonable and necessary to accomplish the aforesaid purposes; appropriate and expend funds, make contracts and provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the potential victims of COVID-19, subject thereafter to the consent and approval of the City Council.

SECTION 2: That the Mayor of the City of Biloxi is further authorized to assign and make available for duty the employees, property or equipment of the City relating to fire fighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related service, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for emergency management purposes either within or outside the municipal limits.

SECTION 3: That the Mayor of the City of Biloxi may further authorize the use of municipally owned equipment and such public employees as necessary to and provide needed services to prevent the spread of disease or any other health hazard to the community at large.

SECTION 4: At all relevant times during the period of the emergency declaration, personnel compensation shall be governed by the provisions of Ordinance No. 2016, amending Section 15-1-21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi.

SECTION 5: This Resolution is hereby void at the end of thirty (30) days.