

IN THE CITY OF BILOXI
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HARRISON COUNTY
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**EIGHTH EMERGENCY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER DATED JULY 9, 2020 REGARDING NECESSARY
EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE CITY OF
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local authorities have issued various directives, resolutions, and executive orders regarding COVID-19 and protective measures to stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, health authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control, the Surgeon General of the United States, and the Mississippi State Department of Health have recommended the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is my desire to curtail the spread of COVID-19 within the City of Biloxi by requiring the use of face coverings by city employees and persons entering city buildings within the City of Biloxi, subject to the terms of this proclamation and in conjunction with the Governor's Executive Order scheduled to take effect in Harrison County on July 13, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Mississippi Law, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-1, et seq. and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, et seq., as amended, and in the public interest of the City of Biloxi, and to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for the protection and preservation of life and property and good order, I do hereby issue this Eighth Emergency Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order of July 9, 2020 (also referred to as "Proclamation") as set out herein. It is further,

ORDERED that all members of the public who enter a city building in the City of Biloxi are required to wear a clean face covering any time they are, or will be, in contact with other

people where it is not possible to maintain social distance or where recommended social distancing practices are not being followed. While wearing the face covering, it is essential to still maintain social distance insofar as possible since social distancing is the best defense against the spread of the COVID-19.

A face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen. A cloth face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand or can be improvised from household items such as scarves, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. Social distance, as referenced within this declaration, shall mean the current parameters established by the Governor by Executive Order and by the Mississippi State Department of Health, including as such parameters may be amended in the future. Acceptable, reusable face covering options for the general public include: bandanas, neck gaiters, homemade face coverings, scarves, or tightly woven fabric such as cotton T-shirts and some types of towels.

Face coverings are not required:

- For people whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering.
- For those who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or behavioral condition.
- For children under 10 years old.
- In private, individual offices.
- In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when exercising or swimming.
- While speaking during council meetings provided social distancing is being followed.

It is further,

ORDERED that all city employees are required to wear a face covering when dealing with the public whether inside or outside. It is further,

ORDERED that the requirements established in this declaration shall supplement and be in addition to the other requirements associated with the COVID-19 State of Emergency within the City of Biloxi, including, but not limited to any requirements established by prior or future Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of Mississippi specific to Harrison County. It is further,

ORDERED that violations of this Proclamation of Executive Order may be subject to misdemeanor prosecution in accordance with, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-9, as amended, § 13-1-15 of the City's Code of Ordinances, and, to the extent applicable, Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-43, as amended, as well as other state laws and provisions in the City's Code of Ordinances. It is further,

ORDERED that this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with City Clerk and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration. It is further,

ORDERED that this Eighth Emergency Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order shall be, and hereby is, effective at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2020, and shall remain in effect until amended, rescinded, or superseded by another applicable Mayoral Proclamation or Executive

Order, or Resolution, or the termination of the current (and ongoing) State of Emergency related to this pandemic issued by the City of Biloxi, whichever shall occur first.

THIS, the 9th day of July, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.



MAYOR A.M. GILICH, JR.
CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK
CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI