

**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF
MASON, TN, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that can result in mild or severe symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is highly infectious and a novel virus, meaning persons have no immunity and the virus can cause serious illness requiring hospitalization, sometimes intensive care, among persons of all age ranges, regardless of their current health; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a significant outbreak of COVID-19 is occurring in the United States with over 33,000 persons infected across the country, and over 400 Americans have died from COVID-19 as of March 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared a national state of emergency in the United States on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a significant outbreak is occurring in the State of Tennessee with 615 persons infected across the state, 93 of which are in neighboring Shelby County as of March 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee declared a state of emergency in the State of Tennessee on March 12, 2020 by Executive Order No. 14; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 6 cases in Tipton County, and County Executive Jeff Huffman declared a state of emergency in Tipton County on March 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a danger to the safety, health, welfare and economic well-being of the citizens of the Town of Mason, Tennessee and poses an immediate and significant health emergency in the Town of Mason, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Emmit Gooden, Mayor of the Town of Mason, Tennessee, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Tennessee Code Annotated Title 58, Chapter 8, Part 1, hereby declare a state of emergency exists in the Town of Mason, due to the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, and do therefore, invoke all authorities granted to me under Tennessee law and all other applicable local, state and federal regulations for the duration of this emergency.

SECTION 1: For the duration of this emergency the Town of Mason will take any and all action necessary to provide for and protect the health, safety and well-being of citizens of the Town of Mason, including, but not limited to, the following and all procedures and formalities normally required for any of the following are waived:

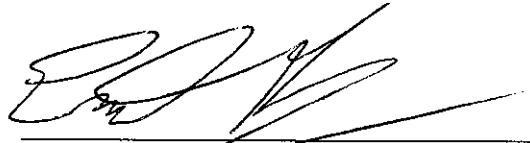
- (a) performance of public work and taking any prudent action that is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- (b) employment of temporary and permanent workers;
- (c) utilization of volunteer workers;
- (d) rental of equipment;
- (e) acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities;
- (f) issuing orders to the citizens to shelter in place, if that becomes necessary;

SECTION 2: All Town of Mason departments shall keep and maintain an accurate accounting of all public funds expended by their department to respond to the outbreak of COVID-19, and all departments and agencies within the Town of Mason are authorized to seek any and all federal and state financial assistance and reimbursement of funds.

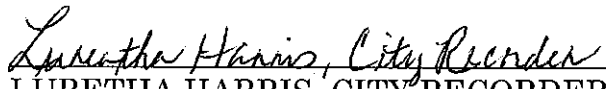
SECTION 3: Pursuant to the authority vested in this declaration, state law and Executive Order No. 17 the following is ORDERED:

- (a) all restaurants, bars and similar dining facilities shall only provide take-out or delivery service, and shall not be open to the public for in-dining service;
- (b) All gyms and other similar exercise facilities are closed until further notice
- (c) All social gatherings of ten (10) people or more are prohibited;
- (d) All hair salons, barber shops, nail shops and similar businesses that have close, in person, contact are closed until further notice;
- (e) Daycare/childcare facilities are essential services and each facility may, at this time, make their own decision regarding remaining open, however, if any daycare/childcare facility chooses to remain open they shall: (1) limit public access to the building; (2) maintain good hygiene amongst those working and the children, including frequent hand washing; (3) significantly increase sanitation of the facility.
- (f) Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 38-9-103, establish a curfew for all of the citizens for the Town of Mason between the hours of 8:00 pm to 5:00 am each day while this Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for the Town of Mason is in effect.

THIS DECLARATION and ORDER shall take effect immediately after issuance, the public welfare requiring it.



EMMIT GOODEN, MAYOR


LURETHA HARRIS, CITY RECORDER

March 24, 2020
DATE

