

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ESTABLISHING CURRENT REGULATIONS CONCERNING COVID-19**

WHEREAS: on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a state of national emergency, effective from March 1, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 world-wide pandemic;

WHEREAS: on March 14, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves declared a state of emergency in Mississippi regarding the COVID-19 world-wide pandemic;

WHEREAS: on March 17, 2020, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Kosciusko declared a state of local emergency, effective from March 1, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 world-wide pandemic;

WHEREAS: the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Kosciusko are granted the authority under state law to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to reasonably protect the public interest and to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious disease, pursuant to and in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Sections 33-15-17 and 21-19-3 (1972, as amended);

WHEREAS: the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Kosciusko have considered various recommendations and other information provided by the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Mississippi State Department of Health and have determined that the following regulations are reasonable and necessary at this time and are in the overall public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Kosciusko, as follows:

1. The following regulations shall take effect at 12:00 AM on March 26, 2020 and shall run until 12:00 AM on April 1, 2020, unless extended or otherwise modified or amended by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen prior to the expiration of said time.
2. All “non-essential businesses” shall hereby limit the total number of persons inside their respective establishment to no more than ten (10) people at any given time. This number shall include the employees of such business and the prospective customers. In addition, all non-essential businesses must comply with all current recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Mississippi State Department of Health concerning COVID-19. “Non-essential businesses” are those businesses which do not provide daily basic necessities and examples would include barber shops, beauty shops, nail salons, gyms, recreation centers, florists and all other retail stores not specifically listed as an “essential business” herein below.
3. All “essential businesses” are hereby allowed to operate as normal at this time, but are strongly cautioned to comply with the current recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Mississippi State Department of Health concerning COVID-19. “Essential businesses” help to provide daily basic necessities and examples would include medical and health care facilities, grocery stores, gas stations, banks, convenience stores, laundry mats and dry cleaners, discount and dollar stores, hardware stores, electrical stores, plumbing stores, auto parts stores, building material stores and day care centers.
4. All restaurants shall hereby close their dining and bar areas effective immediately. Any other business which sells prepared food and provides a dining or seating area must immediately close such dining or seating area of the business as well. Restaurants and other businesses which sell prepared food may continue to operate by way of take-out, drive-through, curbside service or other delivery method.

5. The Kosciusko Fire Chief and Kosciusko Police Chief are hereby directed to use all resources as and when may be necessary to ensure that the regulations contained in this resolution have been satisfied and for the enforcement of same. Any violation of these regulations shall be subject to the penalties provided under Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-43 (1972, as amended).
6. All citizens are cautioned to stay home unless it is a necessity for them to leave. When either at home or in public, citizens should wash their hands thoroughly; avoid touching their faces; sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of their elbow; disinfect and clean frequently; and practice social distancing of at least six (6) feet. If you feel sick or exhibit the symptoms of a fever, cough or shortness of breath, please stay away from others and contact or visit medical personnel immediately.
7. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to alter or amend this resolution as may be necessary based upon any change in circumstances or new recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Mississippi State Department of Health.

The official Motion for this Resolution was made at the special meeting of the Kosciusko Board of Aldermen on March 25, 2020 by Alderman Robert Ellis, was duly seconded by Alderman Jeffery Woods and thus put to a vote, as follows:

Alderman James Culpepper	Yea___X___	Nay_____
Alderman Henry Daniel	Yea___X___	Nay_____
Alderman Tim Kyle	Yea___X___	Nay_____
Alderman Robert Ellis	Yea___X___	Nay_____
Alderman Jeffery Woods	Yea___X___	Nay_____

BE IT RESOLVED this the 25th day of March, 2020.

Jimmy W. Cockroft, Mayor