WHEREAS, the City of Jackson has a responsibility to take all possible actions to ensure the health and safety of our staff and our citizens in the event of infectious disease pandemics; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was a pandemic and on March 12, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee declared a State of Emergency to deploy additional resources to combat the spread of the virus, and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency over the coronavirus pandemic, and on March 16, I, Mayor Scott Conger declared a state of emergency related to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, after proclamation of a civil emergency, the Mayor, in the interest of public safety and welfare, may make all orders necessary for the protection of life and property, including but not limited to, the closure of certain establishments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Conger, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, by virtue of the executive and administrative authority vested in me by the Charter of the City of Jackson, and laws of the state of Tennessee, do hereby Declare a State of Emergency, and do hereby direct and order that the following policies be enacted immediately:

1. **Safer at Home.** All individuals currently living in the City of Jackson are strongly advised to stay at their place of residence.

2. **Masks.** Citizens are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines on wearing masks. CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant
community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. The cloth face covering recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance. For more information on guidance, please visit cdc.gov.

3. **Restaurants to Reopen April 27.** Restaurants may reopen April 27 with 50% capacity with no standing consumption. Restaurant’s should make reasonable efforts to maintain social distancing guidelines from the CDC including keeping tables six feet apart. Restaurant’s should also make reasonable efforts to have guests and employees where face coverings when possible. Restaurants must follow the guidelines for reopening from the State.

4. **Retail Storefronts Brick & Mortar to Reopen April 29.** Retail Storefronts may reopen April 29 with 50% capacity. Retail establishments should make reasonable efforts to maintain social distancing guidelines from the CDC. Retail Establishments should also make reasonable efforts to have guests and employees wear face coverings when possible. Retail Establishments must follow the guidelines for reopening from the State.

5. **Everything Previously Opened Businesses May Remain Open.** Every business, organization, non-profit, manufacturing center, etc. that has been operating may continue to operate.

6. **Businesses Remaining Closed Due to Public Health Civil Emergency**
   a. City Venues
   b. Bars/Nightclubs
   c. Movie “heaters
   d. Entertainment Centers
   e. Nail Salons
   f. Hair Salons
   g. Massage Establishments
   h. Gyms & Health Clubs
   i. Tattoo Establishments
   j. Etc.

7. **Telework Permitted.** The prohibition does not apply to virtual or telework operations.
8. **Mass Gatherings Prohibited.** All public and private gatherings of more than ten people occurring outside a single household or living unit (including churches) are prohibited. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

9. **Funerals.** All Funerals, Celebrations of Life, Cremation Services, and Memorial Services shall only be attended by close family or less than 10 people per venue in accordance with Governor Lee’s Executive Orders.

10. **The Jackson Police Department** is authorized to enforce this order as well as Governor Bill Lee’s executive order.

11. **The City of Jackson Code Enforcement Division** is authorized to enforce this order as well as Governor Bill Lee’s executive order.

12. **Previous Orders.** Previous orders are hereby superseded in full at the time of effect of this order.

13. **Effective Date.** The effective date of this Order will be April 27, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Previous Order

14. Pursuant to TCA 58-2-110 (3) the duration of this Executive Order is limited to seven days initially and may be extended, as necessary, in additional seven-day increments. To the extent that this Order conflicts with any prior Orders this Order shall control.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Jackson to be affixed this 24th day of April 2020.

Scott Conger, Mayor of Jackson