

AN ORDER DECLARING THAT THE TEMPORARY CITY-WIDE LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE ON APRIL 8, 2020 SHALL CEASE AND REVERT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF TUPELO

WHEREAS the City of Tupelo established by ordinance on March 20, 2018 a Leisure and Recreation District to be located in Downtown Tupelo in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. 67-1-101 (1972); and

WHEREAS this Leisure and Recreation District (hereinafter “the District”) exists in Article III Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances and authorizes restaurants located in the District possessing valid alcoholic beverage permits to allow customers to leave the licensed premises with an open container of alcohol and allow those customers to carry and consume alcoholic beverages while in the designated District; and

WHEREAS due to the restrictions placed on restaurants because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (“ABC”) temporarily relaxed certain regulations by allowing restaurants that possess alcoholic beverage permits and located in a leisure and recreation district to sell wine and mixed drinks with carryout/curbside/drive-through pickup meals; and

WHEREAS because of the harm inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic on restaurants in the City of Tupelo, the Mayor and City Council adopted a temporary amendment to the Leisure and Recreation District ordinance which expanded the District to encompass the entirety of the city limits of Tupelo and expanded the regular hours of the District to begin every Monday at 10:00 am and to end on Saturday at 11:59 pm; and

WHEREAS all restaurants in the City of Tupelo are now allowed to operate at full-capacity and with no restrictions.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The boundaries of the Temporary City-Wide Leisure and Recreation District established by Code of Ordinances Sec. 5-35 (b) on April 8, 2020 shall now cease.
2. The boundaries of the Downtown Leisure and Recreation District as established by Code of Ordinances Sec. 5-36 on March 20, 2018 shall remain in full force and effect.
3. The Days and Times of the Downtown Leisure and Recreation District shall remain as beginning every Monday at 10:00 am until Saturday at 11:59 pm.

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member _____ moved that the forgoing Order be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member _____ and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Whittington _____
Council Member L. Bryan _____
Council Member Beard _____
Council Member Davis _____
Council Member Palmer _____
Council Member M. Bryan _____
Council Member Jennings _____

This motion having received the forging vote of the City Council, the President declared the motion carried and the Order adopted on this, the ____ day of April 2021.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

MIKE BRYAN, Council President

ATTEST:

MISSY SHELTON, Council Clerk

APPROVED

JASON L. SHELTON, Mayor

DATE