CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI EXECUTIVE ORDER 21-001

I, Jason L. Shelton, Mayor of the city of Tupelo, Mississippi, pursuant to my authority as executive officer of the City, hereby issues this executive order pursuant to the terms herein stated:

WHEREAS Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves, pursuant to his authority as executive officer of the State of Mississippi has issued Executive Order 1549 which relaxes certain safety provisions previously implemented to protect against the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the increasing availability of vaccines and the steadfastness of medical professionals has allowed our region to see a decline in the weekly average number of COVID-19 infections; and

WHEREAS the city of Tupelo, Mississippi continues to be impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS many City of Tupelo facilities require the close contact between employees, patrons, and visitors in order to continue the day-to-day operations of the City.

THEREFORE, pursuant to my authority under Executive Order 1549 (IX) and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11, all individuals inside a facility owned and operated by the City of Tupelo shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. All employees, patrons, and visitors of a City of Tupelo government building are required to wear a face covering while inside.
- 2. All employees, patrons, and visitors should maintain a minimum of 6-feet of separation whenever feasible.
- 3. All additional orders and guidance provided by Executive Order 1549 are in full force and effect.

The health and safety of all persons in our community is our top priority. Thanks to the advancements made by medical professionals, there is light at the end of this tunnel. Yet, we all must remain steadfast in our efforts to prevent the continued spread of COVID-19.

This the 4^{\pm} day of March 2021.

Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Hanna, City Clerk and CFO