

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND IMPOSING A
PUBLIC SAFETY CURFEW WITHIN THE TOWN OF CHATOM
AND ITS POLICE JURISDICTION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Chatom desires to protect the public peace, health and safety, and to preserve the lives of the people of the Town of Chatom, Alabama during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and to prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases by reducing the risk of exposure during this outbreak. By the authority vested in the Mayor by the applicable provisions of Ala. Code §31-9-2 and 31-9-10 (1975), and as otherwise provided for by law, the Mayor does hereby declare that that COVID-19 meets the conditions of an Emergency as required by law. The Town of Chatom and its governing body does hereby determine a curfew necessary to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases by reducing the risk of exposure during this outbreak, and in response thereto issues the following resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 2 day of April, 2020, as follows:

It is hereby ordered that an eight (8) hour public safety curfew is hereby imposed in the Town of Chatom and its police jurisdiction, for the hours between 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., seven (7) days per week, beginning and effective at 9:00 p.m. on April 2, 2020.

1. This curfew is effective from April 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., and shall continue in effect until April 30, 2020 at 5:00 a.m., unless it is determined that the emergency conditions no longer exist prior to the date but may be extended if the duration of the emergency conditions continue beyond that date.

2. This curfew shall apply to all persons within the Town of Chatom, Alabama and its police jurisdiction. During such curfew, all persons shall not be or remain in public places and, residents of the Town of Chatom, Alabama, and its police jurisdiction, shall remain in their places of residence, except as further provided by this proclamation.

This curfew shall not apply to:

1. Public safety or emergency service activities, including but not limited to law enforcement, fire and rescue services, and emergency management agencies.
2. First responders, crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel, and related contractors.
3. Persons employed by or contracted to utilities, cable and telecommunications companies and engaged in activities necessary to maintain or restore utility, cable and telecommunications services.
4. Persons providing fire, police, sanitation, security, emergency and hospital services, food delivery services, and other deliveries of merchandise or mail.
5. Persons seeking essential services or commodities; persons who are vulnerable to the most serious effect of COVID-19 disease must remain at home, unless seeking medical treatment.
6. Persons supplying or restocking businesses in order to provide essential services or products, i.e. home improvement, groceries, fuel, delivery locations, pharmacies or other retailers offering emergency supplies, transportation of fuels, movement of equipment and personnel for the provision of humanitarian support, and movement of equipment necessary for the protection of critical infrastructure or public safety.
7. Persons employed by the federal, state, county or city government or their agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment. Such employees shall follow any future directive regarding performance of their duties, including working from home, issued by their respective employers.

8. Credentialed members of the media and such support staff necessary to assure their continued operation.
 9. Persons on the highway that are only traveling to and from work to and from their respective employer(s) who are located outside of the Town of Chatom or its police jurisdiction, persons on the highway in the event of an emergency, persons on the highway seeking essential services from health or veterinary care professionals, medical supplies, medication, groceries, supplies, etc. Persons engaging in these essential activities shall continue to practice social distancing and follow the implemented orders issued in the March 27, 2020 "Statewide Public Health Order".
 10. Persons providing for the care or support of a friend, family member or pet in another household. Persons providing for the care of minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons. Persons returning to one's place of residence located outside of the town. Persons traveling to one's residence located outside of the Town. Persons traveling through Town from one location outside of the Town to another location outside of the Town.
 11. Employer-operated childcare centers for the exclusive benefit of essential employees located in the immediate vicinity or on the premises of state and local governments, first responders (including EMS and fire services), law enforcement, hospitals, nursing homes, long term care facilities, and end stage renal disease treatment centers.
 - (a.) Licensed childcare centers that contract to provide services exclusively to the above named employers, or that provide services exclusively to children of essential employees of the above named employers, provided those childcare centers are able to maintain a consistent six-foot distance between children, and further abide by the provisions of paragraph 5(b.) of the March 27, 2020 "Statewide Public Health Order", including any other future statewide orders which may be issued following the adoption of this proclamation.
 12. GO-CO's (Exxon) convenience store, its owner, employees, agents, delivery service providers, etc. GO-CO's is an essential business during the hours of the curfew as it is the only store that is open during the curfew time(s), and it provides gasoline, fuel and other essential products and items in the event of an emergency during the curfew hours.
3. All public and private gatherings of ten (10) or more persons or of any size where a consistent distance of at least six (6) cannot be maintained are prohibited, except as to those exempted activities provided by this Order.
4. That the March 27, 2020 Statewide Public Health Order issued by Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H., is not impacted and is not in conflict with this proclamation and the same is adopted herein by reference as if fully set forth and remains in full force and effect. In addition, should there be any future statewide orders, or portions thereof, that are more restrictive, then the more restrictive statewide order(s), or provisions will control.
5. If any section, clause, provision or a portion of this proclamation shall be held to be invalid, unconstitutional or inconsistent with state law, such determination shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this proclamation which is not in and of itself inconsistent with state law, invalid or unconstitutional.
6. Any person, firm or corporation that violates or fails to comply with this order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine up to \$500.00, or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days, or by both fine and imprisonment. Multiple violations of this proclamation shall constitute a separate offense and subject to fines and imprisonment, or both fines and imprisonment for each separate offense.

March 30, 2020
DATE


HAROLD L. CROUCH, MAYOR