

PROCLAMATION

City of Selma Quarantine

WHEREAS, the City of Selma recognizes the emergency declarations of the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Alabama, and the Mayor of the City of Selma related to the spread of COVID-19 disease in our community; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a disease caused by a novel coronavirus, previously unknown in humans, and causes upper respiratory tract illnesses that can range from mild to severe, spread quickly, and may cause death; and,

WHEREAS, the spread and effect of COVID-19 has created a humanitarian crisis of unanticipated proportions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Selma is threatened by COVID-19 because of the extraordinary ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans, and COVID-19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, although under the investigation and development, no vaccine or drug is currently available to cure or combat COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, as of March 28, 2020, Alabama has 644 identified cases of coronavirus, including 2 in Dallas County, where the City of Selma is primarily located; and,

WHEREAS, the State Health Officer has issued an order suspending certain public gatherings due to risk of infection by COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the State Health Officer ordered, effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., all non-worked related gatherings of 10 persons or more, or non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are prohibited; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that it is in the best interest of the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives of citizens of the City of Selma, to impose a quarantine to further the purposes of the measures that have been ordered to date to control community spread of COVID-19 in the City of Selma; and,

WHEREAS, Ala. Code Section 22-12-12, Selma Municipal Code ARTICLE III. - QUARANTINE AND DISEASE CONTROL and Selma Municipal Code Section 14-45 authorize the mayor to proclaim a quarantine in the event of health emergencies and contagious or infectious disease; and,

SECTION 1.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 28 day of March 2020, due to the Pandemic Emergency created by COVID-19 and the increased risk of infection by public gatherings, it is hereby Ordered that a quarantine is imposed in the City of Selma for the hours between 9:00 pm and 5:00 am 7 days a week. This quarantine is effective as of March 29, 2020 and shall continue in effect until further notice.

This quarantine 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

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 effects of the 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 current or future directives regarding performance of their duties, including working from home, issued by their respective employers.
8. Persons experiencing homelessness within the City.
 - a) All public and private gatherings of 10 or more persons or of any size where a consistent distance of at least six feet cannot be maintained are prohibited, except as to those exempted activities provided in this Order.
 - b) Subject to the exceptions further provided in subsection (c) of this Order, all travel, including, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit is prohibited. Transportation in Interstate Commerce is not governed by this Order.
 - c) Exceptions. People may lawfully leave their residence while this Order is in effect only to engage in the following activities:
 1. Essential Activities. To engage in certain essential activities, including, without limitation, visiting a health or veterinary care professional, obtaining medical supplies or medication, obtaining grocery items (including, without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supplies, fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, any other household consumer products and products necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences and other buildings) for their household or to deliver to others, or for legally mandated government purposes. Additionally, any travel related to:
 - (a) providing care for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;
 - (b) returning to one's place of residence from outside the City
 - (c) traveling to one's place of residence located outside the City;
 - (d) traveling through the City from one location outside the City to another location outside the City;
 - (e) compliance with an Order of law enforcement or court shall be exempt from this Order;
 - (f) traveling to or from a place of business which provides essential services by owners and employees of such business; or
 - (g) legally mandated government purposes. Persons engaging in these essential activities shall maintain reasonable social distancing practices. This includes maintaining a distance of at least six-feet away from others, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. These Essential Activities are subject to change and are not limited to the activities listed in this subsection. Individuals must use reasonable judgment as it relates to the many and various circumstances during this time.
 2. Work in Support of Essential Activities. To perform work providing essential products and services or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.
 3. To care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household.
 4. Providing any services, goods, or work necessary to build, operate, maintain, or manufacture essential infrastructure, including without limitation construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential buildings and housing; airport operations, food supply, concessions, and construction; port operations and construction; water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction, and refining; roads and highways,

public transportation and rail; solid waste collection and removal; flood control and watershed protection; internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business, infrastructure, communications, and web-based services); and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential to the supply chains of the industries referenced in this Paragraph, provided that they carry out those services and that work in compliance with social distancing practices as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State Health Officer to the extent possible.

Implementation:

All Departments of the City and their respective employees to whom this Executive Order applies shall forthwith implement the same in accordance with its terms and requirements. Nothing contained in this Order shall relieve a person from any requirement to obtain a license or other authorization in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This Order is not intended to conflict with, supersede or contradict any lawful ordinance or resolution duly enacted by the City Council. This Order does not create any right, benefit, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the City, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employers, agents, or any other person.

SECTION 2. Failure to comply with this order shall be a violation under Selma Municipal Code Section 14-44.

SECTION 3. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this proclamation or any application of it to any person, structure, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this proclamation.

So ordered from City Hall on this the 28th day of March, 2020



Mayor Darrio Melton