

IN THE CITY OF GULFPORT  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HARRISON COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**EXTENSION OF CURFEW ORDER**

**EXTENDED CURFEW ORDER ISSUED IN  
CONNECTION WITH HURRICANE ZETA**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with authority vested in the undersigned as Mayor of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi by Mississippi Law, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-1, et seq. and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, et seq., as amended, and in the public interest of the City and to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for the protection of life and property, on October 26, 2020, he did issue a “Proclamation Declaring a Civil And/Or Local Emergency to Exist as a Result of a Threatened or Existing Natural Disaster” associated with an imminent threat of a natural disaster resulting from Hurricane Zeta and related conditions (tropical rains, winds, storm surge, lightening, flooding, etc.) projected to commence in the area on October 28, 2020, and impact an area that included the City of Gulfport; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned found that in the interests of the protection of life and property and in promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and with the exception of those persons officially designated to duty with reference to this civil emergency and/or otherwise lawfully on the streets, as provided in Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-11, as amended, the movement of persons within the corporate limits of the City of Gulfport should be restricted for a prescribed period of time associated with the effects of this storm within the disaster area and that a general curfew applicable to the entire geographical area of the City was needed to be in effect from 5:00 p.m. central time on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, through 5:59 a.m. central time on Thursday, October 29, 2020, when the effects and impact of the storm were, at that time, reasonably anticipated to have subsided; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 28, 2020, the undersigned issued a “Curfew Order” that did institute and cause to be in effect a general curfew for the entire geographical area of the City from 5:00 p.m. central time on October 28, 2020, through 5:59 a.m. central time on October 29, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Zeta struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the City of Gulfport during the late afternoon and evening hours on October 28, 2020, and did so as a Category 2 Hurricane, which was a stronger storm than was predicted, and while the extent of the storm’s impact on the public infrastructure of the City and public and private properties has not yet been comprehensively evaluated, it is evident that damage, to include, without limitation, downed power lines, utility infrastructure, trees, and other debris in and along the roadways, is to such a degree that the movement of people and the motoring public must continue to be restricted for a period of time to allow for clean-up and recovery efforts and in the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for the protection of life and property.

**THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Mississippi Law, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-1, et seq. and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, et seq., as amended, and in the public interest of the City of Gulfport, and to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for the protection and preservation of life and property and good order, the undersigned hereby issues this "Extension of Curfew Order" as set out herein and declares and orders as follows:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that the *general curfew* applicable to the entire geographical area of the City of Gulfport and within its corporate limits that went into effect at 5:00 p.m. central time on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, and was to continue in effect until 5:59 a.m. central time on Thursday, October 29, 2020, **shall be, and hereby is, fully extended through and until 12:00 p.m. (noon) central time on Thursday, October 29, 2020**. Unless ordered to be further extended, this curfew shall no longer be in effect after 12:00 p.m. central time on Thursday, October 29, 2020. It is further,

**ORDERED**, that, in accordance with City of Gulfport Ordinance No. 2398 (Section 7-19 in the City of Gulfport's Code of Ordinances), a "curfew" is hereby defined as a prohibition against any person or persons walking, running, loitering, standing, sitting, lying or motoring upon any alley, street, public property or vacant premises within the corporate limits of the municipality except persons officially designated to duty with reference to said civil emergency or those lawfully on the street, as further defined and set forth in Section 7-19 of the City's Code of Ordinances. It is further,

**ORDERED** that this Curfew Order shall be: (1) filed with the City Clerk; (2) distributed to the news media and other organizations reasonably calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Order. It is further,

**ORDERED** that any person violating this curfew shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or six (6) months' imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment.

THIS, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, at 11:50 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR BILLY HEWES  
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
GERARD BELLOCQ  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI