

Proclamation



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Section 45-17-1, *et seq.*, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes the Mayor of a municipality to proclaim the existence of a civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is authorized to declare a State of Emergency and to promulgate such rules, regulations, and orders as he deems necessary to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020 at 12 Noon, the National Weather Service issued a report stating that the Pearl River is predicted to crest at 38 feet on the gauge in Jackson, likely bringing flooding in some areas of the City; additional rain and possible severe weather is expected from storm systems passing through the area next week; and

WHEREAS, flooding and storm damage have been observed in communities in the City of Jackson as a result of severe weather; and

WHEREAS, the floods described are forecast to begin on Saturday, February 15, 2020 and flood waters may not recede for 7 - 10 days; and

WHEREAS, severe storms and flooding have the potential to cause personal injuries, damage to homes, businesses, public property, and threaten the safety of the citizens and property of the City of Jackson, Mississippi and may require the exercise of extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, tornadoes and flooding are conditions which meet the definition of a civil emergency pursuant to Section 45-17-1(2) of the Mississippi Code; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest, all efforts should be taken to protect people and property; and

WHEREAS, Section 45-17-11 empowers the Mayor of a municipality to issue such orders as are necessary for the protection of life and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 45-17-1, *et seq.*, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of the City of Jackson, do hereby declare a **civil emergency** for the entire City of Jackson, and the state of the emergency will be reviewed every seven (7) days until such local emergency is no longer in effect and proclaimed terminated by the Mayor of the City of Jackson, State of Mississippi.

IT IS ORDERED that the Emergency Operations Center of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, place into effect the City of Jackson's Emergency Management Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all agencies and departments of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall render all possible assistance and discharge their emergency responsibilities and provide full cooperation with this Proclamation.

WITNESS MY HAND, on this 13th day of February 2020 at 5:20 a.m./p.m.

**CHOKWE A. LUMUMBA, MAYOR
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK