

**Executive Order
City of Opelika
Office of the Mayor**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04-20
BY THE MAYOR**

WHEREAS, by Proclamation dated March 13, 2020, Governor Ivey found that the appearance of COVID-19 in the State of Alabama creates the potential of widespread exposure to an infectious agent that poses a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people and declared a state public health emergency under ALA CODE §31-9-1, et seq; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order of the State Health Officer Suspending Certain Public Gatherings due to Risk of Infection by COVID-19, issued March 19, 2020, and amended March 27, 2020, all gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Governor Ivey issued a stay-at-home order that applies statewide and expires on April 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 008-20, adopted on March 17, 2020, the City Council of the City of Opelika declared a public health emergency related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) exists within the territorial limits of the City of Opelika; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 008-20, the City Council authorized the Mayor to close and prohibit the use of City-owned buildings, facilities or properties and further authorized the Mayor to issue orders to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, acting under the authority vested in me as Mayor, I ordered the closure of all City operated buildings and facilities to public access until April 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, acting under the authority vested in me as Mayor, I extended the closure of all City operated buildings and facilities until April 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to restrict the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the City's workforce so employees can continue to provide crucial City services, it is necessary to exercise my authority pursuant to Ordinance No. 008-20 to extend the closure of City-operated buildings and facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Fuller, as Mayor of the City of Opelika, by the authority vested in me by the applicable provisions and laws of the State of Alabama and Ordinance No. 008-20 of the Opelika City Council adopted on March 17, 2020, and as otherwise provided by law, hereby authorize, order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Effective immediately and until April 30, 2020, all City-owned and operated buildings and facilities located within the City of Opelika shall be closed to the public. For the purposes of this Order, City-owned and operated buildings and facilities include: City Hall, the Lewis Cooper Memorial Library, all Public Works Facilities, all Recreation Department Facilities, the Police Department, all Fire Departments, senior centers, recycling centers, water treatment plants, and other City buildings, facilities and properties.

Section.2. All Recreation Department programs and classes, including adult and youth sports programs, are suspended until further notice. All City owned and operated parks are closed until further notice (See Executive Order No. 2).

Section 3. Municipal Court trials are postponed until after April 30, 2020. For details, visit Municipal Court website: <https://www.opelika-al.gov/241/Municipal-Court>

Section 4. All City-sponsored events are cancelled until further notice.

Section 5. Residents can access most City services by telephone, email and online. Public safety, utilities, solid waste collection and other essential services will continue their normal operations.

Section 6. Access to City Council meetings will be limited and streamed online. The April 28, 2020 Planning Commission meeting will be conducted remotely by electronic means.

Section 7. The City's website (<https://www.opelika-al.gov/>) will be updated regularly with current information as operational decisions are made in the midst of our community's rapidly changing health conditions.

Section 8. In the event the State Health Officer implements a state-wide order that is more restrictive or stringent, then the order of the State Health Officer shall take precedence.

Section 9. To the extent that this Order is in conflict with other executive orders, this Order shall supersede the others until this Order is amended or repealed.

SO ORDERED from City Hall on this the _____ day of April, 2020.



GARY FULLER, MAYOR
CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA