



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

## COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY

**DATE:** March 20, 2020

**TO:** Mayor, City Council

**FROM:** City Administrator

**ISSUE:** Amend Code of Ordinances at Chapter 11, Criminal Code, Article I. In General, by addition of Section 11-9 to prohibit violation of an Order of the State Health Officer applicable within the city or police jurisdiction and to prescribe penalties for violations.

**BACKGROUND:** On Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the State Health Officer issued a statewide health order to aid in Alabama's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. The Order prohibits gatherings of 25 or more and that gatherings of any size shall maintain a consistent six foot distance between persons; a restaurant, bar, brewery or similar establishment shall not permit on-premise consumption of food or drink (take-out or delivery only); all beaches will be closed effective March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; preschools and childcare centers will be closed; all hospitals and nursing homes/long term care facilities shall prohibit visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations (maternity and end of life); and all elective dental and medical procedures shall be delayed, effective immediately.

To clarify the implementation and enforcement of the Order within the corporate limits and police jurisdiction of the city, the attached amendment to the Code of Ordinances was drafted to bring the language of the Code in line with Governor Ivey's mandate and the State Health Department's Order.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval is recommended.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** None

**RELATED ISSUES:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft Ordinance

**DEPARTMENT:** Executive Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** City Administrator