

State of Alabama     )  
City of Tuscaloosa   )

**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR**

To:           All Departments, Incident Commander

Number:     **2020-009**

Date:        April 1, 2020 (**Amended May 11, 2020**)

Regarding:  Suspension of Acceptance of Applications for Historic Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment  
(A20-0435)

**Authority:**

By the authority vested in me by the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama, including but not limited to Ala. Code § 11-44B-7 (1975), pursuant to which the Mayor of the City as the Chief Executive Officer has the general supervision and control of all other officers and the affairs of the City, and as otherwise provided by law, I, Walter Maddox, as Mayor do hereby order and direct as follows:

The purpose of this Order is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tuscaloosa, to ensure the continuity of operations of the City of Tuscaloosa, and mitigate the spread of infectious diseases by reducing the risk of exposure during a time of outbreak.

Due to concerns related to COVID-19, the City's Historic Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment have had to cancel meetings during the months of March and April. Future cancelations may be necessary as well. In order to clear the applications currently pending before these boards, it is necessary to temporarily suspend acceptance of new applications that would ordinarily be submitted to them.

Therefore, in conformity with the emergency declaration issued on March 13, 2020 and the emergency powers resolution adopted by the Tuscaloosa City Council on

March 17, 2020, effective immediately, I hereby order that, to facilitate the safety of municipal employees and provide for the orderly conduct and administration of the business of the City's Historic Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Office of Urban Development's Planning Division staff shall suspend acceptance of applications for matters that would be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, or Zoning Board of Adjustment during the ordinary course of operations. This includes without limitation applications for certificates of appropriateness, preliminary plats, rezonings, planned unit developments (PUDs), short term rental permits, annexations, Riverfront Development District applications, and legislative Downtown/Riverfront Overlay District applications.

This Order shall remain in effect until **June 18, 2020**, but may be extended beyond that date by a subsequent order if circumstances warrant such action.

**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, employees, or agents, or any other person.

So Ordered from City Hall on this the 11th day of May, 2020.



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Walter Maddox

Mayor, City of Tuscaloosa