OPEN LETTER to the following Members of the Board, Ald. Celia Chastain, Ald. Mary Mason, Ald. Shate' Toliver, and Ald. Virginia Rivers. It has come to my attention that you have all requested a "Special Call Meeting" to take place at City Hall on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30pm.

As is required by the state of TN T.C.A. § 88-44 for et seq, I am required to make this communication available to the public.

l also see that your agenda for this meeting is the same as was the agenda for the "Call" meeting you held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

As I am sure, you are aware and have been previously informed that a Temporary Restraining Order was issued by the Chancery Court, Civ. Action No. 38,871, on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, which specifically states: "the Defendants are restrained from interfering with Alaa Eldin "Eddie" Noeman in accessing or exercising the office of Mayor of the town of Mason, TN." Therefore, your attempts to vote me out of office at these call meetings are a violation of the court order.

May I also remind you that the rules of the Open Meetings Act of TN T.C.A. §8-44-105 states; "If a meeting is held in violation of the act, any action taken is void and of no affect..."

Given these two considerations alone: The meeting is against the court ordered T.R.O., and that any votes or actions would be deemed null and void. Your request that other board members or I attend the meeting would be ill-advised from a legal standpoint.

My attorney was very thorough and forthcoming in explaining these issues at the meeting that was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and I see no reason that he is obligated to repeat it again.

## IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT COVINGTON

ALAA ELDIN "EDDIE" NOEMAN, Individually and in his Official Capacity as Mayor of the Town of Mason, Tennessee, and on behalf of the Town of Mason, Tennessee,

Plaintiff,

V,

VIRGINIA RIVERS; SHATÉ TOLIVER; CELIA CHASTAIN; and, MARY MASON, Individually and as Aldermen of the Town of Mason, Tennessee,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 38,87

## ORDER EXTENDING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

This matter came before the Court on August 13, 2024, on the agreement of the parties, from all of which the Court finds that the parties have agreed for the Temporary Restraining Order to remain in force until October 3, 2024, at which time time a hearing will occur on the request by the Plaintiff for a Temporary Injunction and the motion to dismiss filed by the Defendants.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the temporary restraining order shall remain in force through October 3, 2024, to the following extent: (a) Mayor Alaa Eldin "Eddie" Noeman shall continue to exercise the office of Mayor of the Town of Mason pending a hearing on the request for temporary injunctive relief, which shall be held on October 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Tipton County Chancery Court, along with a

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hearing on the motion to dismiss filed by defendants; and, (b) the Defendants are restrained from interfering with Alaa Eldin "Eddie" Noeman in accessing and exercising the office of Mayor of the Town of Mason, Tennessee. Notwithstanding any provision of the prior temporary restraining order, the prior agreed extension of the temporary restraining order, or this order, this temporary restraining order does not enjoin or prohibit any of the parties to this suit from performing their official functions under the Charter of Mason or the law of Tennessee.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Hon. William Cole, Chancellor

Date and time: 8-14.227

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