



ORDER OF THE MAYOR
AN ORDER RENEWING AND AMENDING
THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ADOPTING
CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR
WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19

April 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, despite the actions taken by federal, state, and local officials over the last two months to limit the spread of COVID-19, the spread and identification of additional cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee and throughout the United States has continued and is likely to continue; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers of Disease Control, the first case of COVID-19 in the United States was not identified until January 22, 2020, but by April 13, 2020, more than 554,800 people had contracted COVID-19 and nearly 22,000 had died as a result; and

WHEREAS, according to the Tennessee Department of Health, the first case of COVID-19 in Tennessee was not identified until March 4, 2020, but by April 13, 2020, 5,610 people in Tennessee had tested positive for the disease, while 579 had been hospitalized and 109 had died because of the disease; and

WHEREAS, both federal and state health officials have determined and advised that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond to COVID-19, to prevent further community spread, and to alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or effected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee issued Executive Order No. 22, directing Tennesseans to stay home unless engaging in essential activities to limit their exposure to and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee issued Executive Order No. 23, amending and strengthening Executive Order 22, by requiring all Tennesseans to stay at home, except when engaging in Essential Activities and Essential Services, as defined in Executive Order No. 22; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, I, Shane McFarland, the Mayor of the City of Murfreesboro, acting in accordance with state law, issued an order declaring a local state of emergency in order to facilitate the containment of COVID-19 and subsequently expanded the scope of that order and extended the state of emergency on March 28, 2020, April 3, 2020, and April 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020 Governor Lee issued Executive Order No. 27, extending temporary social distancing and stay-at-home provisions of Executive Order Nos. 17, 21, 22, and 23 until April 30, 2020, to preserve and increase the containment of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Shane McFarland, the Mayor of the City of Murfreesboro, by virtue of the power vested in me under the City's Charter, City of Murfreesboro Council Resolution 10-R-08, and other applicable law, including specifically Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-104, do hereby declare that a local state of emergency continues to exist within the City and further order as follows:

Section 1. Local State of Emergency Continues to Exist Within the City. The local state of emergency, first declared on March 21, 2020, is hereby extended through 11:59 p.m. on April 21, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted in Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-104.

Section 2. Adoption and Incorporation of March 28, 2020 Order of the Mayor, as amended. All the provisions of the March 28, 2020 Order of the Mayor, as amended on April 3, 2020 and April 10, 2020, are adopted and incorporated herein, including specifically the adoption and incorporation of Executive Order No. 22 of the Governor, Sections 1 through 11, as amended by Executive Order Nos. 23 and 27. In accordance therewith, all persons in Murfreesboro are required to stay at home except when they are engaged in "Essential Activity" or "Essential Services" as defined in Executive Order No. 22.

Section 3. Severability. A determination that any provision of this Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Order. The remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. Any invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary for enforceability.

Section 4. Notice. Notice of this Order will be promptly communicated to all members of the City Council.

Section 5. Effectiveness. This Order is effective as of 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 11:59

p.m., Central Daylight Time, on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at which time this Order and declaration of emergency shall cease and be of no further force and effect, unless sooner terminated, or extended, by written amendment hereof. In accordance with state law, this Order may be incrementally extended for additional seven-day periods as deemed necessary.


ISSUED AND ORDERED, this 14th day of April 2020, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-9-101 *et seq.*, Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-110(3), and Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-101 *et seq.*


Shane McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa B. Wright
City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Adam Tucker
City Attorney