

**EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING STATE OF EMERGENCY  
BY MAYOR JIM STRICKLAND, CITY OF MEMPHIS**

**No. 13-2021**

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

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020, following the guidance of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Tennessee Department of Health designated COVID-19 as a reportable disease in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic. On March 12, 2020, the Governor for the State of Tennessee issued an Executive Order to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-107(e)(1). On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, I declared a state of emergency for the City of Memphis, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-101 et seq. and § 38-9-101 et seq. and City of Memphis Code §§ 9-24-2, 9-8-4, and 2-58-7 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to present a danger to public health through community transmission, which has resulted in a significant loss of lives in Shelby County to the virus and has significantly strained the hospitals and the public health system; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-110(3)(A)(v), the duration of a state of emergency declared locally is limited to seven (7) days and may be extended, as necessary, in seven-day increments; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued danger to public health necessitates the extension of the Declaration of State of Emergency I originally issued on March 17, 2020 and extended by subsequent Executive Orders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM STRICKLAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS** by virtue of the power vested in me, declare a state of emergency continues to exist as it relates to COVID-19 and the response to COVID-19 (“Emergency”). Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-110(3)(A)(v), the Declaration of State of Emergency originally issued on March 17, 2020 and extended by subsequent Executive Orders is hereby extended for seven (7) days and I hereby continue to invoke the authority granted by Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 58-2-110, 58-8-104, 38-9-103 and 38-9-104 as well as City Code §§ 9-24-2, 9-8-4 and 2-58-7 and all other applicable law for the duration of the Emergency.

Upon signature, this Order shall become effective on April 20, 2021.



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Jim Strickland, Mayor

Executed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021