

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

**No. 56-2020**

**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.

**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**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor for the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 15, and subsequent Executive Orders, declaring that “a state of emergency and major disaster exists to facilitate the response to COVID-19”; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 01-2020, closing restaurants and bars for on-site consumption as well as closing gyms and exercise facilities. On March 21, 2020, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 02-2020, providing for the additional closures of entertainment and recreational establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 03-2020 closing non-essential business and directing residents to stay at their place of residence unless for purposes otherwise allowed thereunder (“Safer at Home Order”). I extended the original expiration date of April 7, 2020 for the Safer at Home Order to April 21, 2020 pursuant to Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 06-2020 issued on April 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2020, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 12-2020 implementing the first phase of the “Back to Business” framework by re-opening certain businesses subject to COVID-19 prevention protocols and industry-specific regulations. However, the community must remain vigilant in minimizing in-person contact and avoiding unnecessary public interactions in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, as of December 15, 2020, the Shelby County Health Department has reported at least 56,820 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Shelby County, at least 752 deaths caused by COVID-19, and that workplace and community transmission is occurring; and

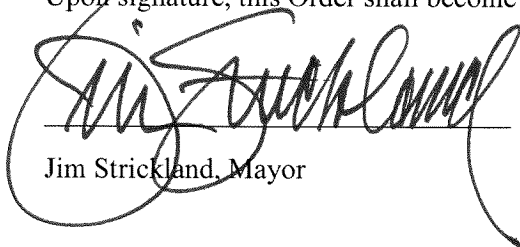
**WHEREAS**, as of December 15, 2020, there were at least 464,624 positive COVID-19 tests reported in the state of Tennessee; and

**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**, COVID-19 continues to present a danger to public health and necessitates the extension of the Declaration of State of Emergency I originally issued on March 17, 2020 and subsequently extended by Executive Order No. 04-2020 issued on March 24, 2020, Executive Order No. 05-2020 issued on March 31, 2020, Executive Order No. 07-2020 issued on April 7, 2020, Executive Order No. 08-2020 issued on April 14, 2020, Executive Order No. 09-2020 issued on April 21, 2020; Executive Order No. 11-2020 issued on April 28, 2020; Executive Order No. 14-2020 issued on May 5, 2020; Executive Order No. 15-2020 issued on May 12, 2020; Executive Order No. 17-2020 issued on May 19, 2020; Executive Order No. 18-2020 issued on May 26, 2020; Executive Order No. issued on June 2, 2020; Executive Order No. 28-2020 issued on June 9, 2020; Executive Order No. 29-2020 issued on June 16, 2020; Executive Order No. 31-2020 issued on June 23, 2020; Executive Order No. 32-2020 issued on June 30, 2020; Executive No. 33-2020 issued on July 7, 2020; Executive Order No. 34-2020 issued on July 14, 2020; Executive No. 35-2020 issued on July 21, 2020; Executive Order No. 36-2020 issued on July 28, 2020; Executive Order No. 37-2020 issued on August 4, 2020; Executive No. 38-2020 issued on August 11, 2010; Executive Order No. 39-2020 issued on August 18, 2020; Executive Order No. 40-2020 issued on August 25, 2020; Executive Order No. 41-2020 issued on September 1, 2020; Executive Order No. 42-2020 issued on September 8, 2020; Executive Order No. 43-2020 issued on September 15, 2020; Executive Order No. 44-2020 issued on September 22, 2020; and Executive Order No. 45-2020 issued on September 29, 2020; Executive Order No. 46-2020 issued on October 6, 2020; Executive Order No. 47-2020 issued on October 13, 2020; Executive Order No. 48-2020 issued on October 20, 2020; Executive Order No. 49-2020 issued on October 27, 2020; Executive Order No. 50-2020 issued on November 3, 2020; Executive Order No. 51-2020 issued on November 10, 2020; Executive Order No. 52-2020 issued on November 17, 2020; Executive Order No. 53-2020 issued on November 17, 2020; Executive Order No. 54-2020 issued on December 1, 2020; and Executive Order No. 55-2020 issued on December 8, 2020.

**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, 58-2-104, 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 December 15, 2020.



Jim Strickland, Mayor

Executed this 15th day of December, 2020