

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

No. 2-2021

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, 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, COVID-19 continues to present a danger to public health through community transmission, which has resulted in the loss of over 800 lives in Shelby County to the virus and has significantly strained the hospitals and the public health system; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 70 limiting social gatherings and restricting spectators at sporting events to further facilitate the State’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2020, the Shelby County Health Department issued Face Mask Order No. 4 and Health Directive No. 16, which closed entertainment and recreational establishments and imposed restrictions on certain activities and social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, as of February 16, 2021, the Shelby County Health Department has reported at least 86,522 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Shelby County, at least 1,441 deaths caused by COVID-19, and that workplace and community transmission is occurring; and

WHEREAS, as of February 16, 2021, there were at least 758,561 positive COVID-19 tests and over 10,937 deaths 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, the continued danger to public health 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. 20-2020 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; 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; Executive Order No. 55-2020 issued on December 8, 2020; Executive Order No. 56-2020 issued on December 15, 2020; Executive Order No. 57-2020 issued on December 22, 2020; Executive Order No. 58-2020 issued on December 29, 2020; Executive Order No. 59-2020 issued on January 5, 2021; Executive Order No. 60-2020 issued on January 12, 2021; Executive Order No. 61-2020 executed on January 19, 2021; Executive Order No. 62-2020 issued on January 26, 2021; Executive Order No. 63-2021 issued on February 2, 2021; and Executive No. 1-2021 issued on February 9, 2021.

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 February 16, 2021.



Jim Strickland, Mayor

Executed this 16th day of February, 2021