

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
BY MAYOR JIM STRICKLAND, CITY OF MEMPHIS**

No. 3-2021

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis is currently experiencing severe winter weather, resulting in freezing temperatures, several inches of snow and ice accumulation. Winter storm warnings began and remain active for the City as severe winter weather is expected to continue this week; and

WHEREAS, freezing temperatures and precipitation since February 14, 2021 have created icy conditions on roadways and surfaces in the City, which presents a significant danger to public safety, impacts the operation of emergency vehicles, and impedes the delivery of essential goods and services; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City take all necessary measures to minimize the imminent effects of said severe winter weather; and

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the undersigned, an emergency currently exists within the City of Memphis as defined in Title 58 of the Tennessee Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the severe winter weather and its impact on the City, a local emergency exists in the City pursuant to state and local law; therefore, it is appropriate and necessary for the undersigned to exercise the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 58-2-110 and 58-8-104, City of Memphis Code Title 2, Chapter 58 and all other applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM STRICKLAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, by virtue of the power vested in me by Title 58 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, hereby declare a state of emergency exists as it relates to the severe winter weather impacting the City of Memphis ("Emergency") and invoke the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 58-2-110 and 58-8-104, Memphis City Charter Home Rule Amendments No. 3231 and 1852, Memphis City Code § 2-58-7 and all other applicable law for the duration of the Emergency. In addition, I further declare and order the following:

1. The City and its departments and agencies are authorized to seek any and all necessary federal and state funding to facilitate the response to the Emergency;
2. All required procedures and formalities as to procurements on behalf of the City are hereby suspended for purchased of equipment, materials, supplies and services needed for Emergency management purposes; and
3. The Emergency Management Agency is hereby authorized to exercise all powers and authority granted to it pursuant to City Code § 2-58-3 and all other applicable law.
4. This declaration and order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

Upon signature, this Order shall become effective on February 16, 2021.



Jim Strickland, Mayor

Executed this 16th day of February, 2021