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

No. 53-2022

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 and its variants remain a threatening presence in Memphis, Shelby County necessitating continued responsive measures, including testing, vaccinations, and public awareness; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM STRICKLAND, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS by virtue of the power vested in me, declare a limited 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, including directing the City, its departments and agencies, to seek any and all necessary federal and state funding to facilitate the response to Local Emergency.

Upon signature, this Order shall become effective on January 25, 2022.

Jim Strickland, Mayor
Executed this 25th day of January 2022