



PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

March 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-Co V-2 virus that can result in mild or severe symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is frequently spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first reported in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and traced back to a patient in Novmeber 2019 and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 in the State of Tennessee was identified, and several additional confirmed or presumptively positive cases of COVID-19 have since been identified in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the spread and identification of additional cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee is likely to continue, and therefore, taking proactive steps to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety is paramount; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted by Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107, the Governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee, issued Executive Order No. 14, declaring a state of emergency to facilitate the response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared a national state of emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mutual Aid and Emergency and Disaster Assistance Agreement Act of 2004, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 58-8-101 *et seq.*, authorizes the mayor to declare a local state of emergency affecting such official's jurisdiction by executive order consistent and in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 58-2-110(3)(A)(v); and

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 58-2-110(3)(A)(v), among other things, authorizes the City, upon the mayor's declaration of a local state of emergency to waive certain procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City by law; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of a local state of emergency may entitle the City to cost reimbursement as provided in Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-11; and

WHEREAS, both federal and state health officials have determined and advised that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly to COVID-19, to prevent community spread,

and to alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or affected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to exercise the authority granted by Tenn. Code Ann. §§58-2-110 and 38-9-103 and 104.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Paige Brown, the Mayor of the City of Gallatin, by virtue of the power vested in me under the City's Municipal Code Section 7-27, City of Gallatin Resolution No. R2003-19, and other applicable law, including specifically Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-104, do hereby declare and proclaim a local state of emergency within the City and order the following:

Section 1. All procedures and formalities otherwise required under the Gallatin Municipal Code or Tennessee law pertaining to the following are hereby waived:

- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- b. Entering into contracts;
- c. Incurring obligations;
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers;
- f. Rental of equipment;
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Section 2. All provisions of the Municipal Code pertaining to emergency situations are hereby activated.

Section 3. The Mayor and the Mayor's designees are hereby authorized to request and respond to requests of aid from other jurisdictions in accordance with City of Gallatin Resolution No. R2003-19.

Section 4. Notice of this Proclamation will be promptly communicated to all members of the City Council.

Section 5. This Declaration is valid and effective immediately for a period not to exceed seven days and may be incrementally extended as deemed necessary.

ORDERED this ____ day of March 2020.

MAYOR PAIGE BROWN

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CONNIE KITTRELL
CITY RECORDER

SUSAN HIGH-MCAULEY
CITY ATTORNEY