



**CITY OF GALLATIN
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE MAYOR**

No. 2020-13

**AN ORDER EXTENDING PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND
DECLARATION OF A CIVIL EMERGENCY**

May 19, 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; and

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 November 2019 and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 in the State of Tennessee was identified; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; 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, on March 17, 2020, I, Paige Brown, Mayor of the City of Gallatin, declared and proclaimed a local state of emergency within the City of Gallatin pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 38-9-101(2), 38-9-104, 58-8-104 and 58-2-110 and Gallatin Municipal Code § 7-27 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, County Mayor Anthony Holt issued a Safer at Home Declaration for Sumner County to protect the public health of the citizens of Sumner County, to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, to bend the curve, and to disrupt the spread of the virus, with the goal of saving lives and reducing strain on regional healthcare resources as much as possible, which was subsequently extended on March 31, 2020, April 6, 2020, April 13, 2020, April 20, 2020, and April 24, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, extended social distancing guidelines until April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted by Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107, the Governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee, issued Executive Order Nos. 21 and 22, limiting non-essential services and gatherings and urging Tennesseans to stay home unless engaging in essential services to limit exposure and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted by Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107, the Governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee, issued Executive Order No. 27, extending temporary social distancing and stay-at-home provisions of Executive Order Nos. 17, 21, 22 and 23 until April 30, 2020 to preserve and increase the containment of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020 Governor Lee issued Executive Order No. 30, An Order Allowing Tennesseans to Return to Work Safely While Encouraging Continued Adherence to Health Guidelines to Limit the Spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I, Paige Brown, Mayor of the City of Gallatin have extended the local state of emergency within the City of Gallatin in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 24, 2020, March 31, 2020, April 7, 2020, April 14, 2020 April 21, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 5, 2020, and May 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of May 19, 2020, at the time of execution of this Executive Order, there are at least 18,378 confirmed and reported cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee and at least 768 confirmed and reported cases of COVID-19 in Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, the spread and identification of additional cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee, Sumner County and Gallatin is likely to continue, and public health experts anticipate the further spread of COVID-19 throughout the State of Tennessee and the nation, with potentially catastrophic impact on the state's and the nation's health care system; therefore, taking proactive steps to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety is paramount; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 remains a continuing severe danger to public health; 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 with 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 by law; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Emergency Executive Order No. 2020-12 is to extend the declaration of a civil emergency and proclamation of local state of emergency for another seven (7) days, until May 26, 2020.

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, 58-2-110, 38-9-101(2) and 38-9-104 and the Proclamation of State of Emergency issued on March 17, 2020, do hereby direct and order the following:

Section 1. Extension and Declaration. The declaration of a civil emergency and proclamation of local state of emergency issued on March 17, 2020 and extended on March 24, 2020, March 31, 2020, April 7, 2020, April 14, 2020, April 21, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 5, 2020, and May 12, 2020 remains in effect and shall be extended for a period of seven (7) days, until May 26, 2020, unless modified or rescinded by further mayoral action as circumstances require.

Section 2. This Order is valid and effective immediately for a period not to exceed seven (7) days and may be incrementally extended as deemed necessary.

ORDERED this 19th day of May 2020.


MAYOR PAIGE BROWN

ATTEST:


CONNIE KITTRELL
CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


SUSAN HIGH-MCAULEY
CITY ATTORNEY