

City of Tullahoma

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation



Advisory to Shelter at Home

March 23, 2020

Whereas, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARSCo 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, 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, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor of Coffee County, issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency with respect to COVID-19; 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 to respectfully advise the businesses and citizens of Tullahoma in order to protect the public health of the citizens of Tullahoma and Coffee 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.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that, I, Lane Curlee, Mayor of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, by virtue of the authority vested in me, in light of the continuing state of

emergency to facilitate the response to COVID-19, do hereby proclaim the following city-wide:

1. Citizens of Tullahoma are respectfully requested to shelter at home. When individuals must leave their home, they should practice social isolation, staying at least six feet apart, and should assume that others are infectious, regardless of whether they exhibit symptoms.
2. All businesses not performing essential services are requested to close their facilities.
3. Essential services, especially grocery stores and pharmacies, are requested to make best efforts to establish hours of operations during which their services are available only to senior citizens or otherwise vulnerable populations.
4. Essential services are requested to continue to adhere to CDC guidance on social distancing and hand hygiene in the workplace, including encouraging work-from-home and allowing employees when possible to work on-site in shifts to optimize social distancing in the workplace, where possible to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
5. Any local ordinance, policy, or regulation inconsistent with this Proclamation is hereby suspended.
6. If any provision, sentence, clause, phrase, or word, of this Proclamation or any application of it to any individual, business, or circumstance is held to be invalid by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Proclamation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this Proclamation shall be effective on Monday, March 23, 2020 and shall remain in effect for seven days, subject to extension as deemed necessary to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee.



Lane Curlee, Mayor
March 23, 2020