EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND EXTENDING EXECUTIVE ORDERS 01-2020, 02-2020, 03-2020, AND 07-2020
BY MAYOR A. KEITH MCDONALD, CITY OF BARTLETT

No. 08-2020

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was pandemic; on March 12, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee declared a State of Emergency to deploy additional resources to combat the spread of the virus; and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency over the coronavirus pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Governor for the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 15, and subsequent Executive Orders, declaring that a “state of emergency and major disaster exists to facilitate the response to COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a danger to the health, welfare and economic wellbeing of the citizens of the City of Bartlett and may interrupt municipal services affecting the public’s health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City take appropriate measures to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is frequently spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmissions and empirical evidence from other communities and nations indicates that the spread of the disease is most effectively slowed by social distancing and reducing interactions among dense groups of people; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this administration is to continue to provide a high-performing government that will be flexible, and capable of meeting the challenges of this pandemic as they come; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority invested in the Mayor under Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, et seq. and §1-201 et seq of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett, the Mayor may proclaim in writing the existence of a civil emergency, as defined therein; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the City of Bartlett, I have made such observations, inquiries and investigations necessary to determine that an emergency situation exists under the laws of the State of Tennessee and the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett as it relates to COVID-19 and the response to COVID-19 (“Emergency”); and
WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 38-9-101(2), 58-2-101(7) and 58-2-110, Art. V, § 2 of the Charter of the City of Bartlett, and § 1-201 et seq of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett, I declared a state of emergency for the City of Bartlett in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, after proclamation of a civil emergency, the Mayor, in the interest of public safety and welfare, may make all orders necessary for the protection of life and property, including but not limited to, the closure of certain establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, et seq. and § 1-201 et seq of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 02-2020, closing restaurants and bars for on-site consumption, as well as closing gyms and exercise facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, et seq. and § 1-201 et seq of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 03-2020, providing for the additional closures of entertainment and recreational establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, et seq. and § 1-201 et seq of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 04-2020, effective on March 24, 2020, closing non-essential businesses and directing residents to stay at their places of residences unless for purposes otherwise allowed thereunder; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, et seq. and § 1-201 et seq of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett, I issued Civil Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order No. 07-2020, amending and superseding Executive Order 04-2020, closing non-essential businesses and directing residents to stay at their places of residences unless for purposes otherwise allowed thereunder, and incorporating the Health Directives and formal Addendum to Health Directive No. 2 issued by the Shelby County Health Department; the Enforcement Guidance issued by Shelby County and the Governor for the State of Tennessee; and the Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to COVID-19 issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, the Mayor of Shelby County issued an Executive Order which, among other things, requires all essential grocery retail establishments in Shelby County to provide at least one hour of controlled access daily to patrons age 55 and over and to those who have serious underlying medical conditions. Limited access is meant to protect vulnerable populations from additional or unnecessary risk of contracting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the Governor for the State of Tennessee 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, as the Governor for the State of Tennessee has recommended, Bartlett City Schools has announced that Bartlett City Schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, as of April 16, 2020, the Shelby County Health Department has reported at least 1,616 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 35 deaths in Shelby County and that community transmission is occurring; and

WHEREAS, as of April 16, 2020, there are 6,262 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 141 deaths in Tennessee and the number of cases is increasing; 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; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to present a severe danger to public health and necessitates the extension of the Declaration of State of Emergency I previously issued on March 20, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, I, A. Keith McDonald, Mayor of the City of Bartlett, Tennessee by virtue of the executive and administrative authority vested in me by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 58-8-104, Art. V, § 2 of the Charter of the City of Bartlett, and § 1-201 et seq of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett, do hereby Declare a State of Emergency continues to exist as it relates to COVID-19 and the response to COVID-19 ("Emergency"), and invoke authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 38-9-103, 38-9-104, 58-2-110 and 58-2-104, Art. V, § 2 of the Charter of the City of Bartlett, and § 1-201 et seq of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett and all other applicable law. By virtue of the power and authority vested in me, I do hereby direct and order the following:

1. The duration of the state of emergency will continue through April 24, 2020 or until rescinded, but shall be limited to seven (7) days unless it is necessary by Executive Order for additional seven (7) day increments as permitted by law.

2. Executive Orders 01-2020, 02-2020, 03-2020 and 07-2020 are hereby extended and continue in effect through April 24, 2020 or until rescinded, but shall be limited to seven (7) days unless it is necessary by Executive Order for additional seven (7) day increments as permitted by law.

3. 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; and

4. All required procedures and formalities as to procurements on behalf of the City are hereby suspended for purchases of equipment, materials, supplies and services needed for Emergency management purposes to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

5. The City of Bartlett, as necessary, shall take all actions set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-110(3) during the course of the state of emergency.
6. Although City parks remain open at the present time for persons to walk or run, citizens using City parks are required to adhere to the Social Distancing Requirements. All City golf courses, baseball, softball, and soccer fields, basketball courts, dog parks, skateboard parks, and playground equipment are closed. Automobile access to City parks will be restricted; and such other measures as I deem necessary to protect the public may be implemented.

7. The Bartlett Police Department, the Bartlett Code Enforcement Office, and other City and Shelby County officials are authorized to enforce this Order; close those businesses within the City of Bartlett in violation of this Order; issue citations or misdemeanor charges; and take such other actions as deemed necessary to enforce this Order or, in the case of the Shelby County Health Department, to enforce the Health Directive.

8. A determination that any provision of this Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Order. The remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. Any invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary for enforceability.

9. Upon signature, this Order shall become effective on April 17, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE EXECUTED THIS Executive Order on this, the 17th day of April, 2020.

A. Keith McDonald, Mayor

Attest: Penny Medlock, City Clerk