



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04

April 15, 2020

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID -19) is a severe acute respiratory disease that appears to occur through respiratory transmission, presents with similar symptoms to those of influenza, and can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; 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, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a 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 respects to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 in Robertson County was identified; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Springfield Mayor Ann Schneider issued an Executive Order declaring a local state of emergency and civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 17 temporarily suspending select state laws and limiting social gatherings, dine-in service, gym use, exposure to nursing and retirement homes, and adjusting state law regarding the sale of alcohol in restaurants; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 18 limiting non-emergency dental providers (including, but not limited, to dentists, pediatric dentist, orthodontist, oral surgeons, periodontists, prosthodontists, and endodontists) by prohibiting non-emergency dental service, and limiting hospital and surgical outpatient facilities by prohibiting non-essential or non-emergency procedures; and

WHEREAS, as of March 24, 2020, COVID-19 has spread throughout the world, including 54,453 cases within the United States, 615 cases state-wide and 12 cases within Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, an extension to the original declaration of a state of emergency for the City of Springfield was issued for seven (7) days by Mayor Schneider pursuant to Executive Order 2020-01; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order Nos. 21 and 22 ordering the closure of nonessential businesses and urging citizens to stay at home unless engaging in an essential activity or essential travel as defined by the Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Governor of the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 23 amending Executive Order No. 22 by ordering citizens to stay at home unless engaging in an essential activity or essential travel as defined by the Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the Governor of 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, the spread and identification of additional cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee, and specifically Springfield, is likely to continue, and therefore, taking proactive steps to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety is paramount; 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, 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, the declaration of a local state of emergency may entitle the City to cost reimbursement as provided in Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-110; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to present a severe danger to public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann Schneider, Mayor of the City of Springfield, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the City Charter, and other applicable law, including specifically Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-110, and Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-104, do hereby declare that a local state of emergency continues to exist within the City and order the following:

Section 1. Effect of Prior Orders. All provisions of prior orders are extended under this declaration and remain in effect. This order does not repeal or otherwise amend the terms, conditions, or provisions included in Resolution 20-15 or Executive Orders 2020-01, 2020-02, and 2020-03.

Section 2. Governor's Orders Incorporated. All Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Tennessee related to, or issued in response to, the COVID-19 outbreak whether

occurring prior to or during the period of this declaration are hereby incorporated into this Order with or without reference.

Section 3. Physical Distancing Requirements. All businesses and activities, including those that are essential, are required to practice Physical Distancing. For purposes of this order Physical Distancing Requirements refers to the CDC issued guidelines for COVID-19 prevention measures , which includes: screening of employees for symptoms; maintaining at least six -foot physical distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow , not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. Notice of this Declaration will be promptly communicated to all members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Section 6. This Declaration is valid and effective immediately for a period not to exceed seven days and may be incrementally extended for additional seven-day periods as deemed necessary.

Section 7. The City Manager to be authorized to continue under the City's Emergency Management Plan and Procedures if necessary, and to reasonably promulgate, waive or suspend such rules and regulations regarding the provision of City services and the directing of City affairs necessary during the seven (7) day period of the extension of the declaration for the purposes of combating and mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Issued and ordered this the 15th day of April, 2020, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-110 (3), and Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-101 et seq.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE



ANN SCHNEIDER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LISA H. CROCKETT, CITY RECORDER