

**DECLARATION OF LIMITED STATE OF EMERGENCY
BY MAYOR MIKE CUNNINGHAM, CITY OF LAKELAND, TENNESSEE**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a communicable respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of elderly adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, following the guidance of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Tennessee Department of Health designated COVID-19 as a reportable disease in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor for the State of Tennessee issued an Executive Order to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-107(e)(1); and

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

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I declared a state of emergency for the City of Lakeland, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101 *et seq.* and § 58-2-101 *et seq.* in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021 the Governor for the State of Tennessee issued Executive Order No. 80, declaring a continuing limited state of emergency while recognizing that, as a result of infrastructure advancements, vaccine availability, and public awareness of best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Tennessee citizens and businesses are empowered to responsibly confront and manage the risks of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the City, a public health emergency exists in the City pursuant to state and local law; therefore, it is appropriate and necessary for the undersigned to exercise the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 58-2-110, 58-2-104, 38-9-101 *et seq.* and all other applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE CUNNINGHAM, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, TENNESSEE, by virtue of the power vested in me by Title 58, chapter 2, Title 38, Chapter 39 hereby declare a limited state of emergency continues to exist as it relates to COVID-19 and the response to COVID-19 (“Emergency”) and invoke the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated 58-2-110, 58-2-104, and 38-9-101 *et seq.* and all other applicable laws for the duration of the Emergency. In addition, I further declare and order the following:


1. A Limited State of Emergency is hereby declared for the area within the City of Lakeland, Tennessee.
2. The duration of this limited state of emergency commenced on March 20, 2020 and has been extended every seven (7) days until May 14, 2021. Given the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic it is necessary to extend the state of emergency for an additional seven (7) days as permitted by Tennessee law. Accordingly, this state of emergency is hereby renewed until May 21, 2021 unless otherwise extended.

3. As authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-110(3)(A), City of Lakeland Government will:
- a. As necessary, appropriate and expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victims of any emergency; and direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the policies and plans set by the federal and state emergency management agencies;
 - b. As necessary, appoint, employ, remove, or provide, with or without compensation, coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel, and other emergency management workers;
 - c. If deemed necessary and in addition to the primary emergency operating center, establish one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations;
 - d. Request state assistance or, as needed, invoke emergency-related mutual-aid assistance in the event of an emergency affecting another political subdivision. It may be extended, as necessary, in seven-day increments.

FURTHER, all agencies, departments and divisions of The City of Lakeland Government shall discharge their responsibilities as deemed necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare consistent with the provisions of this Declaration of a Limited State of Emergency.

FURTHER, as the Mayor of City of Lakeland, I, Mike Cunningham, exercise the authority given me under Title 58 of the Tennessee Code to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, wellbeing, and health of the citizens of this City. I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the City of Lakeland to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, By authority vested in me, I have here unto set my hand and signed this Executive Order this 14th day of May, 2021.



Mike Cunningham, Mayor
City of Lakeland, Tennessee