



Fayette County Government

Rhea Taylor / County Mayor

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR FAYETTE COUNTY

March 23, 2020

Whereas, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness or death, and

Whereas, on January 21, 2020, following the guidance of the Center 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, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee 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 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, as of March 23, 2020, there have been three (3) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Fayette County; and

Whereas, COVID-19 is a danger to the health, welfare, and economic well-being of the citizens of Fayette County, Tennessee; and

Whereas, it is imperative that the County take all necessary measures to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the county, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the County Mayor, an emergency currently exists within Fayette County, Tennessee as defined in TCA 38-9-101(2) and 58-2-110; and

Whereas, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact, a public health emergency does exist in Fayette County

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, I, Rhea Taylor, County Mayor of Fayette County, by virtue of the power vested in me by Title 58, Chapter 2, hereby declare :

1. A State of Emergency exists as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and do, hereby, invoke the authority granted by Tennessee law and any other applicable laws for the duration of this emergency.
2. Fayette County, it's departments and agencies, are authorized to seek any and all necessary federal and state funding
3. All required procedures and regulations as to procurements on behalf of the county are hereby suspended for the purchase of equipment, materials, supplies, and services needed for emergency management purposes to combat this threat
4. The Fayette County Emergency Management Agency is hereby authorized to exercise all powers and authority granted to it by law
5. The County Mayor of Fayette County shall use all the resources available to the Office to protect the health and welfare of the people of Fayette County
6. Persons shall not participate in social gatherings of more than (10) or more people.
7. Public activities in which a six (6) foot distance cannot be maintained are prohibited
8. All critical infrastructure remains operational, and government entities and businesses will continue providing important and essential services.
9. Restaurants may provide take-out and/or delivery service only. Bars should close until further notice. Gyms should close until further notice. Additional closures and changes may be required depending on results of further medical testing for this virus.

10. This Declaration and Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, the public welfare requiring it.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rhea Taylor", written over a horizontal line.

Rhea Taylor, County Mayor

A handwritten date in blue ink, "March 23, 2020", written over a horizontal line.

Date