

**PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY—COVID-19 (Delta Variant)**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING CERTAIN CITY PUBLIC BODIES TO CONDUCT  
REMOTE MEETINGS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

The following Proclamation is issued by the Mayor of the City of Greenville:

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, the Governor, by executive order, declared a state of emergency on behalf of the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor of the City of Greenville (the “Mayor” or “undersigned”) declared a state of emergency in the City of Greenville (“City”) by proclamation issued on March 16, 2020 and thereafter continued the state of emergency in the City by way of proclamations issued on March 19, 2020, and March 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned acknowledges that Council adopted a resolution on June 7, 2021 directing that City public bodies resume conducting official meetings in-person in accordance with state law effective August 1, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, a City public body includes City-appointed boards;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus has developed a variant, the Delta variant, which is more contagious than others and is the dominant form of the disease in our State;

**WHEREAS**, while vaccinated persons are far less likely to contract COVID-19, the Delta variant has infected vaccinated persons and can be retransmitted to others by them. Over the past month, the positive rate of infections in Pitt County has increased;

**WHEREAS**, the positive rate of infections in the State of North Carolina is 12.3%; and Pitt County is now at 16.4%;

**WHEREAS**, the percentage of Pitt County residents who are partially vaccinated is approximately 49% of the entire population, and 44% are fully vaccinated, leaving over 50% who are not vaccinated;

**WHEREAS**, City staff has conferred with the Pitt County Health Director and confirmed that the rate of infections in Pitt County is at a level requiring prompt action to slow the spread of COVID-19 within Pitt County in order to preserve medical supplies and hospital capacity to treat those with COVID-19 and other serious illnesses and injuries;

**WHEREAS**, many people who contract the virus display no symptoms or have mild symptoms which means they may not be aware they carry the virus;

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.31; and Title 5; Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville (“City Code”); authorizes the Mayor by proclamation to impose certain prohibitions and restrictions as a result of a state of emergency;

**WHEREAS**, under the authority of the North Carolina Emergency Management Act and City Code § 5-3-18, the Mayor is authorized to amend by proclamation the prohibitions and restrictions imposed as a result of a state of emergency;

**WHEREAS**, this Proclamation requires that City public bodies (except City Council and other identified City public bodies below) cease in-person meetings and instead conduct remote meetings until further notice; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT** I, P. J. Connelly, Mayor of the City of Greenville, do hereby proclaim and declare that my Proclamation of Emergency issued on March 16, 2020, and Section I. of my Proclamation Continuing State of Emergency and Second Amendment to Third Proclamation of Emergency issued on March 30, 2020, is hereby amended by making effective the following additional prohibitions and restrictions as authorized by N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.31 and Title 5, Chapter 3, Article B. of City Code because said additional prohibitions and restrictions are deemed necessary and suitable to this particular state of emergency, to slow the rate of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

**SECTION I.** City public bodies shall conduct remote meetings in accordance with North Carolina law (including N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.24 and Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes), until further notice.

The following boards are exempt from the above restriction: City Council, Housing Authority of the City of Greenville, Greenville Utilities Commission, Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority, Pitt-Greenville Convention and Visitor’s Bureau and Sheppard Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

**SECTION II.** A meeting of a City public body herein means an official meeting of any public body of the City as defined by N.C.G.S. § 143-318.10.

This Proclamation is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the Proclamation of Emergency issued by the Mayor on March 16, 2020; the Second Proclamation of Emergency—COVID-19 issued by the Mayor on March 19, 2020; and the Proclamation Continuing State of Emergency and Second Amendment to Third Proclamation of Emergency—COVID-19 issued on March 30, 2020.

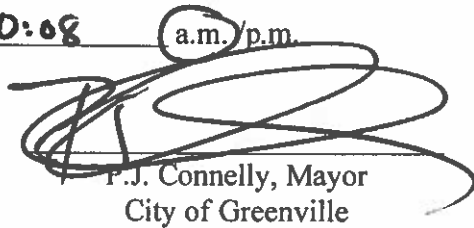
This proclamation will be valid until terminated but will be regularly reviewed and evaluated based upon existing evidence and recommendations by the appropriate federal, state and local officials.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Proclamation is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Proclamation. The signatory hereby declares that he would have passed this Proclamation and each section, subsection, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

I hereby direct that copies of this Proclamation be posted on the City's website and submittal of notice and a signed copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety WebEOC critical incident management system.

This Proclamation shall be effective at 10:08 a.m./p.m. on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and shall remain in effect until terminated.

This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, at 10:08 a.m./p.m.



P.J. Connelly, Mayor  
City of Greenville

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Emanuel D. McGirt, City Attorney

