

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY—COVID-19 (OMICRON VARIANT)

**AMENDED 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, the Proclamation issued by the Mayor of the City of Greenville (“undersigned” or “Mayor”) entitled Proclamation of Emergency—COVID-19 (Delta Variant), dated August 20, 2021 is still in effect except as amended below;

WHEREAS, a new strain of COVID-19 has developed called the Omicron Variant, and the number of COVID-19 cases in Pitt County has surged within the last month;

WHEREAS, the City Code (Title 5, Chp. 3, Art. B, entitled “States of Emergency”) provides that the undersigned during a state of emergency may issue written proclamations imposing prohibitions and restrictions including prohibiting the operation of places where persons may travel or congregate;

WHEREAS in an effort to mitigate current and potential future COVID-19 cases within the City, the undersigned hereby cancels the City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022;

WHEREAS, all agenda items from the cancelled Council meeting on January 13, 2022 are hereby continued to the agenda for the next regular City Council meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022;

WHEREAS, in an effort to avoid any additional delays, the Council meeting on January 24, 2022 will be a remote meeting conducted in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.24;

WHEREAS, additional details about how to watch or participate in the January 24, 2022 Council meeting will be placed on the City’s website available at: <https://www.greenvillenc.gov/home>.

WHEREAS, the Council will revert back to remote Council meetings until and including January 31, 2022 to reduce the surging number of COVID-19 cases in Pitt County;

WHEREAS, the undersigned has consulted with Council Members individually regarding whether to cancel the January 13, 2022 meeting and place all agenda items from that meeting on the January 24, 2022 Council meeting agenda, and to require that the January 24, 2022 meeting be held by remote means; See N.C.G.S. § 160A-71, & Session Law 2021-35.

WHEREAS, the Council Members agree with the undersigned's decision due to the uptick of COVID-19 cases in Pitt County;

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, and Proclamation of Emergency—COVID-19 (Delta Variant) issued on August 20, 2021 are 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. Section 1 of Proclamation of Emergency—COVID-19 (Delta Variant) issued on August 20, 2021 is amended by striking "City Council" from the list of exempt boards. "City Council and" is also struck from the last "WHEREAS clause" on pg. 2 as an exception to cease in-person meetings in this same Proclamation herein.

SECTION II. The regular City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022 is hereby cancelled. All agenda items from the cancelled Council meeting on January 13, 2022 are hereby continued to the agenda for the next regular City Council meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022.

SECTION III. The regular Council meeting on January 24, 2022 will be a remote meeting conducted in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.24. Additional details about how to watch or participate in the January 24, 2022 Council meeting will be published on the City's website available at: <https://www.greenvillenc.gov/home>.

SECTION IV. City Council shall hold any official meeting as a remote meeting as provided in state law from the date this proclamation is adopted and effective until January 31, 2022. This restriction shall terminate on January 31, 2022 at 11:59 pm unless it is extended.

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; the Proclamation Continuing State of Emergency and Second Amendment to Third Proclamation of Emergency—COVID-19 issued on March 30, 2020; and the Proclamation of Emergency—COVID-19 (Delta Variant) issued on August 20, 2021.

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.

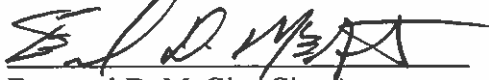
This Proclamation shall be effective at 3:12 a.m. (p.m.) on January 13th, 2022, and shall remain in effect until termination on January 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

This the 13th day of January, 2022, at 3:12 a.m. (p.m.)



P.J. Connelly, Mayor
City of Greenville

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Emanuel D. McGirt, City Attorney