

**PROCLAMATION TERMINATING REMOTE MEETINGS REQUIREMENT FOR
CITY APPOINTED BOARDS**

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

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, 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;

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 Proclamation of Emergency entered on August 20, 2021 required City public bodies (except City Council and other identified public bodies) to conduct remote meetings until further notice, and—stated in pertinent part that it “will be regularly reviewed and evaluated based upon existing evidence and recommendations by the appropriate federal, state and local officials”;

WHEREAS, City staff has conferred with the Pitt County Health Director and confirmed that the rate of COVID-19 infections in Pitt County is on the decline, and that only 4.2 persons per 1,000 people in Pitt County have been infected in the last 14 days;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute (“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 to terminate prohibitions and restrictions as a result of a state of emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT I, P. J. Connelly, Mayor of the City of Greenville, do hereby proclaim and declare the following:

SECTION I. Termination of Proclamation: The Proclamation of Emergency imposed on August 20, 2021 requiring City public bodies to conduct remote meetings in accordance with North Carolina law (including N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.24 and Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes), until further notice is hereby terminated as of the effective date and time of this Proclamation. Upon termination, City public bodies (includes City-appointed boards) shall resume in-person meetings. The following boards were not subject to the initial Proclamation of Emergency and are exempt from this Proclamation: 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.

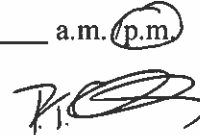
SECTION II. Continuation of State of Emergency. The State of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 and continued by way of proclamations issued on March 19, 2020, and March 30, 2020 for the City of Greenville remains in effect. The City will continue to monitor health conditions within its jurisdiction.

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.

Now therefore, the undersigned terminates the Proclamation referenced above in Section I and all restrictions contained therein. This Proclamation is effective at 9:00 a.m./p.m. on March 1, 2022.

This the 25th day of February, 2022, at 1:25 a.m./p.m.



P.J. Connelly, Mayor
City of Greenville

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Emanuel D. McGirt, City Attorney