



**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
BY MAYOR HENRY COATS, CITY OF PIPERTON, 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 health conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 21, 2020, following the guidance of the 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(c)(1); and
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 is a danger to the health, welfare and economic well-being of the citizens of the City of Piperton, Tennessee and may interrupt municipal services affecting the public's health and safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Tennessee and Fayette County Health Department have reported increases in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Fayette County and the State of Tennessee and that community transmission is occurring; and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that the City take all necessary measures to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City; 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, HENRY COATS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PIPERTON, TENNESSEE, by virtue of the power vested in me by Title 58, chapter 2, Title 38, Chapter 39 hereby declare a state of emergency exists 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 State of Emergency is hereby declared for the area within the City of Piperton, Tennessee.

2. The duration of this state of emergency commenced on March 24, 2020 and initially continued until March 30, 2020, and thereafter extended every seven (7) days until December 28, 2020. 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 January 4, 2021 unless otherwise extended.
3. As authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-110(3)(A), City of Piperton 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 Piperton 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 Local State of Emergency.

FURTHER, as the Mayor of City of Piperton, I, Henry Coats, 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 Piperton 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 28th day of December, 2020.



Henry Coats, Mayor
City of Piperton, Tennessee