

**CIVIL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 AND**  
**FOR RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY THE FIRE AT PATTEN TOWERS;**  
**CONTINUING ALL PREVIOUS ORDERS RELATED TO EMERGENCY RELIEF, OPENING OF**  
**CITY FACILITIES AND**  
**URGING THE CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO CDC GUIDELINES**  
**No. 2021-29**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Former Mayor Berke initially declared a state of emergency for the City of Chattanooga, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101 et seq. and § 58-2-101 et seq. and City of Chattanooga Charter, Article 2.1 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2021 there was a fire emergency at Patten Towers which resulted in the displacement of approximately 160 residents, creating a state of emergency in our City which is continuing to require emergency assistance to the victims of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority invested in the Mayor under Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, et seq. and 58-8-104 and 58-2-110 (3) and City of Chattanooga Code § 20-41, et. seq., the Mayor may still proclaim in writing the existence of a civil emergency, as defined therein for this political subdivision to appropriate and expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victims of any emergency and to seek cost reimbursement as provided in Section 58-8-11 or otherwise as provided by contract for responding parties.

WHEREAS, both the COVID-19 pandemic and the Patten Towers displacement of residents continue to create a state of emergency for the City of Chattanooga:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM KELLY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, by virtue of the powers vested in me, hereby proclaim that a local public health civil emergency continues to exist in the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee based on COVID-19. I further proclaim that the displaced residents of Patten Towers continue to face a public health civil emergency. **All previous CIVIL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDERS not specifically revised or repealed are hereby extended by and through this order.** Specifically, the following recent orders remain intact:

1. MASKS. All unvaccinated persons over age 18 entering any City Building are required to wear face masks or facial coverings until further Order of the Mayor.
2. OPENING OF CITY FACILITIES. City facilities continue to open. All previously open City facilities shall remain open. City employees will continue to receive 100% of employee time off for COVID related absences as determined by HR for up to 80 hours of missed time from work;

and also 2/3rds of their employee time off for family related COVID illness or quarantine time after 80 hours as part of this Executive Order which continues during this period of emergency.

3. CDC GUIDELINES. I urge all people and entities not covered by this Executive Order to follow the CDC Guidelines, which can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/workplaces-businesses/index.html>.

4. PATTEN TOWERS RESIDENTS. This Order requests continued assistance for the displaced residents of Patten Towers, who need food, shelter, and provisions for their health and safety during this period of emergency.

Please visit [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov) for any changing departmental communications during this period of this Order.

Issued this 32rd day of July, 2021, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 38-9-101, et seq. and 58-8-104 and 58-2-110 (3) by the Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee.



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TIM KELLY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA