

**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;**  
**ALLOWING THE OPENING CITY OF CHATTANOOGA YFD CENTERS, POOLS,**  
**SENIOR CENTERS, CHATTANOOGA FITNESS CENTER,**  
**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1,2021;**  
**LIFTING THE MASK MANDATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18; AND**  
**URGING THE CONTINUED ADHERANCE TO CDC GUIDELINES**  
**No. 2021-21**

**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 and I hereby direct and order the following:

**1. MASKS. All unvaccinated persons entering any City Building are required to wear face masks or facial coverings until further Order of the Mayor.**

- Masks are not required for vaccinated adults in any City of Chattanooga Building.
- Masks are not required for children under 18 in any City of Chattanooga Building.

**2. OPENING OF CITY FACILITIES. All YFD centers, Senior Centers, Pools, and the Chattanooga Fitness Center operated by the City of Chattanooga shall be allowed to open Effective June 1, 2021. All previously open City facilities shall remain open.**

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.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:**

- All previously repealed and suspended restrictions which were contained in Executive Orders issued since March 13, 2020 remain repealed and suspended.
- All previous provisions for continued function of City function remain continued.
- This Executive Order does not apply to places of worship or to weddings, funerals, and related events, but encourages the postponement of any large-gathering components of such events and the continued adherence to CDC Guidelines.
- Take-out alcohol sales by restaurants and limited-service restaurants and licensed temporary off-premises beer sales and deliveries continues to be permitted consistent with state law.
- Designated staff of City of Chattanooga facilities will be available to serve the public in a manner which safely provides for the public health and safety of all city employees. Please review the City website at [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov) for any changing departmental communications during this period of this Order. This Order shall be effective upon execution and shall remain in effect until withdrawn.
- 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.
- The Chattanooga Police Department, Land Development Office, and Fire Marshal are authorized to enforce this Order if requested by Hamilton County Health Department officials.
- A determination that any provision of this Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Order. The remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. Any invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary for enforceability.
- This Order shall be effective at 12:01 AM on Saturday, May 29, 2021, and shall remain in effect until withdrawn or extended within 7 days pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 58-2-110 (3).
- To the extent that this Order conflicts with any prior Orders by my office, this Order shall control.

Issued this 28th day of May, 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**