

Emergency Proclamation

WHEREAS, the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has over the past year had a significant impact on the World, the United States of America, and the State of West Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of West Virginia declared a state emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I, Van T. Broughton, Mayor of the City of Elkins, by emergency proclamation declared a city emergency pursuant to the authority granted to me in West Virginia Code § 15-5-1, *et seq.*, and Elkins City Charter Sec. 20, *et seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, city officials have continually monitored current and projected rates of infection, death, and vaccinations, as well as executive orders issued by WV Governor Jim Justice, and adjusted local policies in response; and,

WHEREAS, the diligent efforts of our health care professionals, government and community leaders, and citizens, have permitted a reduction or removal of State and City imposed restrictions in both private and public sectors; and,

WHEREAS, the need for a continued state of emergency within the City has diminished;

NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DECLARE to all persons the RESCINDMENT of the City of Elkins state of emergency effective midnight on MARCH 31, 2021; and,

I FURTHER DECLARE, the COVID-19 Emergency Policy issued effective April 3, 2020, suspending the Call-Out Policy of Sec 8.C in the City of Elkins Personnel Manual shall expire simultaneously with the rescindment of the state of emergency; and,

I FURTHER DECLARE, the COVID-19 Emergency Leave Policy issued on March 18, 2020, and the Extended COVID-19 Emergency Leave Policy issued January 8, 2021, shall remain in effect until further notice; and,

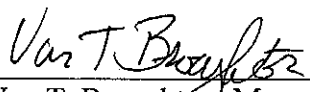
I FURTHER DECLARE, the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy issued on January 8, 2021 shall remain in effect until further notice; and,

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in West Virginia Code § 15-5-1, *et seq.*, and Elkins City Code Sec. 20, *et seq.*, it shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of any restriction imposed by the executive orders or emergency policies issued under the authority of this proclamation.

Upon execution, this proclamation shall be filed with the City Clerk and a copy shall be sent to the Randolph county Commission and the Governor of West Virginia. This

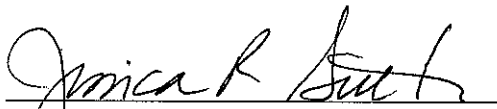
proclamation and any executive order or emergency policy issued under the authority of this proclamation shall be available for public view on the City of Elkins website.

DATED this 26th day of March 2021 at 3:00 p.m. and EFFECTIVE at midnight on March 31, 2021.



Van T. Broughton, Mayor
City of Elkins, West Virginia

Witnessed by:



Jessica R. Sutton, City Clerk
City of Elkins, West Virginia