

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF PITT**

**CITY OF GREENVILLE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly has adopted Article 1A of Chapter I66A of the North Carolina General Statutes, entitled "North Carolina Emergency Management Act," which sets forth the authority and responsibility of the Governor, State agencies, and local governments in prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural or man-made emergencies; and

WHEREAS, information from local law enforcement and other sources indicate that large gatherings of minors under the age of eighteen (18), unaccompanied by parents, have been planned to take place in the corporate limits of the City of Greenville (hereinafter and sometimes also referred to as "designated area"); and

WHEREAS, a similar event was planned and took place on Saturday, June 20, 2026, and extended into the early morning hours of Sunday, June 21, 2026, resulting in large crowds of unaccompanied minors in the downtown area of Greenville; and

WHEREAS, disorderly conduct and youth violence occurred on Saturday, June 20, 2026, and extended into the early morning hours of Sunday, June 21, 2026, in the downtown area. Several people in the large crowds were arrested; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville Police Department has limited resources and would prefer not to use such limited resources to cite or arrest large gatherings of minors for being in violation of any restrictions in this Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, cities nationwide, including municipalities in North Carolina, have experienced large-scale youth gatherings—commonly referred to as "Teen Takeovers" that have escalated into violence and disorderly conduct; and

WHEREAS, to protect public safety, these cities have enacted measures such as Mayoral Emergency Proclamations and juvenile curfew ordinances; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.22 and N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.31, which are part of the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, authorizes municipalities to declare a state of emergency and authorizes municipalities to impose prohibitions and restrictions under conditions and following procedures contained in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.22 and N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.31; and

WHEREAS, the entering of a State of Emergency and the imposition of prohibitions and restrictions are necessary in the City of Greenville to protect the safety of minor children, the public, and property within the corporate limits of the City of Greenville; and

WHEREAS, based upon both the information that has been received and the risk of injury to minor children, the public, and property as a result of large gatherings of unaccompanied minor children in the downtown area which will likely result in assaults, injury to persons and property, and will create a direct threat to public safety, public order, and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, the risk of injury to minor children, the public, and property by this call to action (referenced above) has created a State of Emergency in the City of Greenville, and pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes; Chapter 14, Article 36A of the North Carolina General Statutes; and Title 5, Chapter 3, Article B of the Greenville City Code, I, P.J. Connelly, Mayor of the City of Greenville, do hereby proclaim and declare that a State of Emergency, as defined by N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.3(6) and N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.3(19), exists within the corporate limits of the City of Greenville and that the City of Greenville is the emergency area as defined by N.C.G.S. §166A-19.3(7) and N.C.G.S. §166A-19.22(b); and that the State of Emergency shall be in effect within the City of Greenville until this Proclamation is terminated; and

WHEREAS, I further proclaim that the City of Greenville emergency operations plan and all applicable supporting plans, mutual assistance compacts, and mutual assistance agreements, are in effect and shall remain in effect until this Proclamation expires or is rescinded. All City employees subject to the City's control are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the emergency operations plan and all applicable supporting plans, mutual assistance compacts, and mutual assistance agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

WHEREAS, I further hereby proclaim and declare that the following prohibitions and restrictions, authorized by Title 5, Chapter 3, Article B of the Greenville City Code, are necessary in order to maintain an acceptable level of public order and services, and to protect lives, safety, and property during this emergency, and that the same shall be in effect within the City of Greenville (designated area herein) until the Proclamation and/or prohibitions and restrictions set forth in this Proclamation are terminated:

Prohibitions and Restrictions: Denial of Access to Certain Areas and Curfew

1. The Chief of Police (Chief) and the Chief's subordinates may restrict or deny access to any area, location, or street within the City where such a restriction or denial of access or use is reasonably necessary to promote efforts being made to overcome this emergency or to prevent further aggravation of this emergency. These restrictions on access shall be indicated by means of clearly posted notices, barricades, or orders to anyone in the area.
2. No person shall obtain access or attempt to obtain access to any area, location, or street to which the Chief of Police and the Chief's subordinates have restricted access according to the above directive.
3. **Curfew restriction.** It shall be unlawful for any juvenile under the age of eighteen (18) to be in **the designated area of downtown Greenville** and certain City parks indicated below during the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 6:00

a.m. beginning on Friday, June 26, 2026, and this curfew (prohibition) shall end on the date indicated below. Juveniles shall comply with the above curfew. The **designated area of downtown** is defined as follows:

The boundary of the area is as follows: bounded by the Tar River to the north, Pitt Street to the west, Reade Street to the east, and Reade Circle to the south.

Includes the following City park: Town Common

4. The provisions in the Curfew Restriction (found in **Prohibitions and Restrictions**) shall **not** apply to a juvenile who is:

- (a) Accompanied by a parent.
- (b) Engaged in lawful employment at a brick-and-mortar establishment (such as a restaurant) within the designated area of downtown and is working during the curfew restriction.

Anyone violating any restriction imposed by this Proclamation or under its authority violates a City Ordinance and is guilty of a misdemeanor.

I direct that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to the mass media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted on the City’s website in a conspicuous location. In addition, this Proclamation shall be posted in City Hall, the municipal building, and other public buildings as appropriate, and a copy forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Web EOC critical incident management system, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (if a road or public vehicular area is closed).

This Proclamation shall be effective at 10:00 pm on Friday, June 26, 2026. However, the above prohibitions and restrictions (including the curfew restriction) set forth in this Proclamation shall terminate on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 6:00 a.m., unless amended by the Mayor of the City of Greenville.

PROCLAIMED this day: June 24, 2026 | 4:22 PM EDT
(insert date and time above)

P.J. Connelly
P.J. Connelly, Mayor
City of Greenville

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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