

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND CURFEW ORDER

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, George Floyd's death triggered mass demonstrations across Minnesota and the rest of the Country; and,

WHEREAS, The vast majority of demonstrators are peaceful; and,

WHEREAS, On May 28 and 29, demonstrators burned down a Minneapolis Police Precinct and dozens of businesses; and,

WHEREAS, On May 29, 2020, a peaceful demonstration was held in Rochester. Later in the evening, a group of demonstrators committed criminal acts of violence and vandalism.

WHEREAS, The City of Rochester recognizes the first amendment rights of all residents *and supports the right to demonstrate.* However, the City of Rochester does not condone criminal activity that detracts from the vast majority of peaceful demonstrators.

WHEREAS, The Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are under a curfew for May 29, and 30 under Order from Governor Walz.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §12.29 authorizes the Mayor to declare an existence of a local emergency, invoke necessary portions of the City's Emergency Operations Plans and authorizes aid and services in accordance with mutual aid agreements. That authority is also found in Rochester Code of Ordinances, Section 8-1-5; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Norton is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Rochester and wishes to invoke the authority provided for in Minn. Stat. §12.29, subd. 1, and R.C.O. §8-1-5, to declare a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR NORTON DECLARES, REQUESTS AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS

1. **Declare a Local Emergency.** The situation identified herein to be a local emergency and further executes this Declaration of Local Emergency as authorized by Minn. Stat. §12.29, and R.C.O. §8-1-5, for a period of time not exceeding three days from the effective date unless extended upon consent of the City Council pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29, subd.1.

2. Order a Temporary Curfew as follows:

- a. **Nighttime Curfew.** A nighttime curfew is imposed on all public places within the Downtown Special Service District as defined by Rochester Municipal Code Section 2-18-2, a map of which is attached as Attachment A, from 9:00 pm on Saturday May 30, 2020 until 5:00 am Sunday May 31
- b. **Prohibited Travel.** During the nighttime curfew no travel is allowed on any public street, sidewalk, path or any public place.
- c. **Exceptions.** The following are exempt: Law enforcement, fire, medics, city and county employees authorized by the City of Rochester, any person needed for logistical purposes authorized by the City or Rochester, and individuals traveling to or from work.

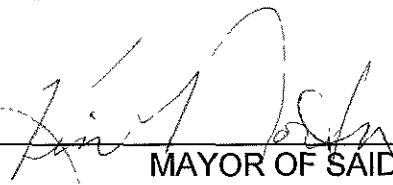
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Local Emergency does not end or change the existing Declaration of Local Emergency, as Amended for the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED THIS 30 DAY OF MAY, 2020.



MAYOR OF SAID CITY

(Seal of the City of
Rochester, Minnesota)

2020 SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT MAP

