

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

August 26, 2020 – Civil Disturbance

Whereas, on August 26, 2020, in the aftermath of the death of a suspect from a self-inflicted gunshot on Nicollet Avenue, rioting broke out resulting in civil disturbance which has put public safety personnel, residents and visitors at risk of significant injury or potentially death, as well as the potential for further damage to public and private property and area businesses and the chance for further civil unrest or disturbance to a degree requires extraordinary measures to be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

Whereas, on August 26, 2020, I requested the Governor of the State of Minnesota provide appropriate and available assistance, to aid local authorities in restoring safety and calm due to the civil disturbance being beyond the capacity and resources of the City government to address alone; and

Whereas, it is my obligation as Mayor of the City of Minneapolis to restore and keep order within the City of Minneapolis to mitigate against and avoid risks to further damage to life and property, to reduce disruption to essential public services, to assure continued local governmental operations, to protect the general health and safety of the community, and to organize and direct an orderly recovery and restoration of peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacob Frey, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby declare a Local Emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Ch. 12.29, and Minneapolis Code of Ordinances (MCO), Section 128.50.

I further declare that:

1. The emergency exists on the date of this declaration as indicated below and shall continue and remain in effect pending initial ratification by official act of the Minneapolis City Council within seventy-two (72) hours of this declaration. Pursuant to MCO Section 128.50(a), the City Council retains the ability to disapprove of the declaration at any time.
2. Such declaration provides the authority to immediately issue emergency regulations pursuant to MCO Section 128.50 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
3. The Director of Emergency Management for the City of Minneapolis shall immediately request and coordinate the appropriate aid and resources from surrounding city and county jurisdictions, the State of Minnesota, and the United States Federal Government.
4. The emergency executive authority section of the Minneapolis Emergency Operations Plan, and all other applicable sections of the Plan, is immediately invoked.
5. Emergency regulations promulgated by mayoral proclamation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare during this emergency are subject to rescission by the City Council at any time. If not sooner rescinded, every such regulation shall expire at the end of thirty (30) days after its effective date or at the end of the declared emergency, whichever occurs first.

I hereby further declare:

6. That a nighttime curfew is hereby imposed immediately in all public places within the City of Minneapolis, including streets, from 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, until 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2020, and during the hours of curfew, all persons must not travel on any public street or in any public place.
7. All law enforcement, fire, medical personnel, and members of the news media, as well as other personnel authorized by the City of Minneapolis are exempt from the curfew. Individuals traveling directly to and from work, and those that are seeking care, fleeing dangerous circumstances, or experiencing homelessness are also exempt.
8. The Office of the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis shall designate the additional Minneapolis personnel that are exempt from the curfew pursuant to Paragraph 7 above.
9. For purposes of this emergency declaration and curfew regulation, "travel" includes, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, or any other mode of transporting a person from one location to another.
10. For purposes of this emergency declaration and curfew regulation, "public place" means any place, whether on privately or publicly owned property, accessible to the general public, including but not limited to public streets and roads, alleys, highways, driveways, sidewalks, parks, vacant lots, and unsupervised property.
11. A violation of this emergency regulation is a misdemeanor offense and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.45, and MCO Section 1.30.

This declaration of local emergency, the associated curfew regulation, and any further emergency regulations of any kind, as well as any additions or changes to this declaration, and the eventual termination of this declaration, and all official communications pertaining to same, shall be posted by the City Clerk on the City's website for public notice and access.


AUG 26 2020

Date



Jacob Frey, Mayor of Minneapolis

ATTEST



City Clerk

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