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CITY OF SPOKANE
EXECUTIVE ORDEREO 2020-0009
LGL 2020-0008**TITLE: EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND CURFEW ORDER**

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2020

REVISION DATE IF APPLICABLE:

WHEREAS, there was a prayer service and march scheduled for and which was commenced on or about 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2020, which ultimately went to the City/County Public Safety Building on the Spokane County Campus;

WHEREAS, late in the afternoon of May 31, 2020, a small group of individuals became very unruly and started throwing projectiles at law enforcement officers; broke windows in a number of downtown Spokane businesses; engaged in looting of a local business, drew graffiti on buildings and structures; damaged Police vehicles and failed to follow clear and lawful orders of law enforcement officers to cease this unlawful activity and to disband and depart the area;

WHEREAS; the Mayor believed that the circumstances described above constituted a civil emergency or imminent threat which either causes or threatens to result in the injury or death of an individual or the destruction of or damage to property such that extraordinary measures to protect the public peace, safety and welfare of the community needed to be taken and after consultation with law enforcement and other public and emergency officials, declared an emergency and put into effect a curfew in a defined area which is roughly the Central Business District of Downtown Spokane, from approximately 8:45 p.m. on Sunday evening (May 31st) until 5:00 am on Monday morning (June 1st);

WHEREAS, throughout the day on Monday, June 1, 2020 there has been considerable communication on various forms of social media inviting individuals to come to Downtown Spokane on the evening of Monday, June 1, to engage in activities similar to the destructive ones of Sunday evening;

WHEREAS, as of approximately 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening, June 1, 2020, there are reports of a large group of individuals (ranging between 80 and 120) in Downtown Spokane who were wielding bats and shields and later became aggressive toward motorists and others. In addition, a number of fights occurred by and between members of this group and they also failed to follow clear and lawful orders of law enforcement officers to cease this unlawful activity and disband and depart the area. This activity, when combined with the messages and information communicated on social media, was very concerning. In the opinion of the undersigned Mayor, this combined activity constitutes a civil emergency or imminent threat which either causes or threatens to result in the injury or death of individual/s or the destruction of or damage to property such that extraordinary measures to protect the public peace, safety, and welfare of the community needs to be taken;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has again consulted with police and other public safety and emergency officials who concur the establishment of a curfew is necessary;

WHEREAS, pursuant to SMC 02.04.030 and SMC 2.04.040, the Mayor has the authority to declare an emergency and implement a curfew if in her opinion such a step is necessary to protect the community and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

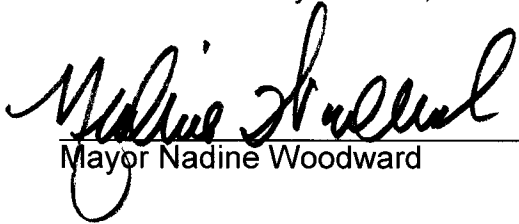
1 There is hereby declared a State of Emergency in the City of Spokane as of 8:15 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020;

2 Effective at 8:15 p.m. on this date, a curfew in the area described below will go into effect, and shall be in effect until 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020;

3 The boundaries of the area covered by the curfew will be Boone Avenue on the North; Fifth Avenue on the South, Division Street on the East and Ash Street on the West; and

4 Exceptions to the application of the curfew will be individuals who are: a) traveling to and from their places of employment in this area; b) acting as First Responders and others who are responding to medical or public safety issues that are emergencies; or c) individuals traveling to and from religious services.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2020.



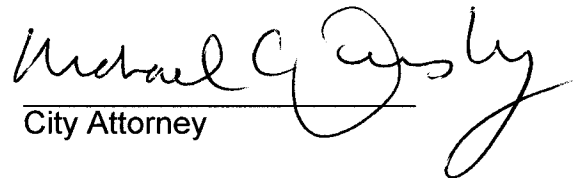
Mayor Nadine Woodward

Attest:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Date of Publication: _____

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