

PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

WHEREAS, during the past several days, unlawful assemblies and riots resulting in looting and destruction of private and public properties have occurred during the evening in the cities of Seattle, Bellevue, Tukwila, and Renton, causing these cities to impose curfews and/or take other actions to protect the public peace, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the city of Mercer Island (City) is concerned that those rioting and looting in nearby cities may consider coming to Mercer Island to do the same; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer Island Police Department has put extra officers on duty, and Washington State Patrol and other partner agencies are on standby, in case rioters and looters come to Mercer Island; and

WHEREAS, there exists a potential threat of riot and unlawful assembly on Mercer Island that may result in serious injury of persons or the destruction of property to such extent as to require, in the judgment of the Mayor, extraordinary measures to protect the public peace, safety and welfare, especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic in King County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Civil Emergency. A civil emergency, as described in MICC 9.40.010, exists on Mercer Island.
- 2. Emergency Powers. All emergency powers and authority set forth in MICC 9.40.020 are hereby invoked, including without limitation the power to issue orders imposing curfews and requiring business establishments to close to combat the civil emergency.
- 3. Curfew Imposed. A general curfew applicable to Mercer Island as a whole is imposed from 7:00 pm on Monday, June 1, 2020 to 5:00 am on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Except for essential critical infrastructure workers under the Governor's Proclamation 20-25, no persons shall enter or remain in the public right-of-way, or in any public parks, or at any other public place during such time.
- 4. Business Closures. All "brick and mortar" storefront business establishments on Mercer Island shall close and remain closed during the following days/times: 7:00 pm on Monday, June 1, 2020 to 5:00 am on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.
- 5. **Delivery to Mercer Island community.** A copy of this Proclamation of Civil Emergency shall be delivered to the Mercer Island community via the City's website and social media channels and the City shall utilize such other reasonably available means to give notice of this Proclamation to the public.
- 6. Violation Penalty. It is a misdemeanor for anyone to fail or refuse to obey any order proclaimed by the Mayor, pursuant to MICC 9.40.040.

SIGNED, this 1st day of June 2020 at 1:50 pm.

Wong Mayor Proclamation No. 253



CIVIL EMERGENCY ORDERS BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

WHEREAS, during the last several days, unlawful assemblies and riots resulting in looting and destruction of private and public properties have occurred during the evening in the cities of Seattle, Bellevue, Tukwila, and Renton, causing these cities to impose curfews and/or take other actions to protect the public peace, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the city of Mercer Island (City) is concerned that those rioting and looting in nearby cities may consider coming to Mercer Island to do the same; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer Island Police Department has put extra officers on duty, and Washington State Patrol and other partner agencies are on standby, in case rioters and looters come to Mercer Island; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, on June 1, 2020, issued a proclamation of civil emergency pursuant to MICC 9.40.010, and issued orders pursuant to MICC 9.40.020, imposing a curfew restricting persons from being in a public place, as well as requiring business establishments to close, between 7:00 pm on Monday, June 1, 2020 to 5:00 am on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in order to protect the public peace, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the conditions that required the proclamation of civil emergency and orders to be issued on June 1, 2020 still remain;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. **Curfew Imposed.** A general curfew applicable to Mercer Island as a whole is imposed during the following days/times:
 - a. From 8:00 pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 to 5:00 am on Wednesday, June 3, 2020; and
 - b. From 8:00 pm on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 to 5:00 am on Thursday, June 4, 2020; and
 - c. From 8:00 pm on Thursday, June 4, 2020 to 5:00 am on Friday, June 5, 2020.

No persons shall enter or remain in the public right-of-way, or in any public parks, or at any other public place during such time.

This general curfew shall not apply to law enforcement, emergency, City and other government personnel who are actively engaged in carrying out their duties; military personnel who are actively engaged in providing assistance to the City pursuant to a proclamation of civil emergency or orders then in effect; other City and government officials with valid identification; and accredited media representatives actively engaged in reporting news. For purposes of this order, the phrase "actively engaged in [...]" includes traveling to and from the location of those duties to begin or end a work shift.

- 2. **Business Closures.** All "brick and mortar" storefront business establishments on Mercer Island shall close and remain closed during the following days/times:
 - a. From 8:00 pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 to 5:00 am on Wednesday, June 3, 2020; and
 - b. From 8:00 pm on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 to 5:00 am on Thursday, June 4, 2020; and
 - c. From 8:00 pm on Thursday, June 4, 2020 to 5:00 am on Friday, June 5, 2020.

3. **Violation – Penalty.** It is unlawful for anyone to fail or refuse to obey any order proclaimed by the Mayor. Pursuant to MICC 9.40.040, anyone so convicted shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SIGNED, this 2nd day of June 2020 at 12:35 PM.

Benson Wong Mayor



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ENDING CIVIL EMERGENCY AND LIFTING ORDERS

WHEREAS, the violent looting and rioting resulting in destruction of private and public properties that was occurring in nearby communities such as Seattle, Bellevue, Renton, and Tukwila during several nights in the past week has subsided; and

WHEREAS, the conditions that caused the Mayor to issue a proclamation of civil emergency and orders pursuant to chapter 9.40 MICC on June 1, 2020, and June 2, 2020, in order to protect the public peace, safety and welfare of Mercer Island, have improved sufficiently to end the proclamation and to lift the orders;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- Orders Lifted. The civil emergency orders issued on June 2, 2020 imposing curfews each night from June 2, 2020 to June 4, 2020 during the hours of 8pm to 5am, and requiring businesses to close and remain closed during such times, are lifted.
- 2. End of Civil Emergency. The civil emergency proclaimed on June 1, 2020 is declared to be over.

SIGNED, this 4th day of June 2020.

Benson Wong Mayor