



PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY AND ORDER IMPOSING CURFEW CITY OF REDMOND

WHEREAS, the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020 has generated anger and outrage across the United States resulting in mass demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond supports the people's right of free speech and lawful assembly guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee's Safe Start Phase 1 Order prohibits public gatherings in King County as a means of slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in many cities throughout the United States, including Atlanta, Phoenix, New York, Houston, San Jose, Dallas, Portland, and Minneapolis, demonstrations over the killing of George Floyd have turned violent and have led to property destruction, damage to businesses, and injuries to demonstrators, police officers, business owners, and bystanders; and

WHEREAS, violent demonstrations have occurred in Seattle, Bellevue, Renton, Tukwila, and other cities in Washington over the last three nights, resulting in police officers being assaulted with rocks, bottles, and other projectiles, police vehicles being set on fire, a Seattle police rifle being stolen from a police vehicle, closures of Interstate 5 as protesters marched down the freeway, use of Molotov cocktails, and the looting and damaging of stores and other businesses; and

WHEREAS, many cities, including Minneapolis, St. Paul, Louisville, Milwaukee, Columbus, Atlanta, Portland, Cincinnati, Denver, Seattle, and Bellevue, have declared states of emergency and imposed mandatory curfews; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard has been mobilized and is standing ready to provide assistance to cities in the event that assistance is required to maintain safety and order; and

WHEREAS, demonstrations are planned again for later today; and

WHEREAS, the presence of large numbers of people in limited space, combined with the clear, present, and escalating threat of violence, presents an unacceptably high risk of serious injury to innocent people, including lawful protesters, and significant property damage; and

WHEREAS, these events are rapidly evolving and Redmond Police need tools to be able to plan for and effectively control the situation in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Redmond and those engaged in lawful protests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim as follows:

SECTION 1: DECLARATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY.

For the reasons set forth above, a civil emergency exists in the City of Redmond requiring and authorizing me to exercise the emergency powers vested in me as Mayor by Chapter 38.52 RCW, Chapter 2.20 of the Redmond Municipal Code, and Section III(C) of the City of Redmond Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

SECTION 2: CURFEW.

A. A general curfew is hereby imposed throughout the City of Redmond during the hours set forth in this section. The curfew shall begin at 8:00 p.m. every evening and end at 5:00 a.m. the next morning, commencing June 1, 2020 and continuing every evening and morning thereafter until this Order is terminated. No person shall enter or remain in the public right-of-way, in the public parks, or in any other public place during the hours that the general curfew is in effect. This general curfew may be enforced by the Redmond Police Department, other law enforcement agencies, and the military.

B. The general curfew shall not apply to law enforcement personnel who are actively engaged in the performance of their duties; military personnel who are actively engaged in providing assistance pursuant to the request of the Mayor; emergency personnel and other City and government personnel who are actively engaged in carrying out their duties; City and governmental officials with valid identification; or representatives of the media authorized in advance by the Mayor's office or the Chief of the Redmond Police Department or his designee. For purposes of this Order, the phrase "actively engaged in performing or carrying out their duties" includes traveling to and from the location of those duties to begin or end a work shift.

SECTION 3: DESIGNATION OF PLACE(S) FOR LAWFUL PROTESTS.

The Chief of the Redmond Police Department may, with my approval, designate appropriate public places in the City in which lawful protests and demonstrations may occur and outside of which demonstrations and protests shall not occur. It is not the intent of the City to prevent lawful and orderly protests and demonstrations or to curtail the right of the public to engage in free speech or lawful assembly as authorized by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Washington. The designation of places for demonstrations is a time place and manner restriction to be exercised only if necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and then only to the extent necessary to fulfill that purpose. Notwithstanding the designation of specific places for demonstrations, no gatherings shall be allowed during the hours of the curfew set forth in Section 2 above. Protesters and demonstrators are urged to wear face masks and to observe social distancing in accord with the directive of the Local Health Officer for King County and the Safe Start Phase 1 Order of the Governor.

SECTION 4: VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Pursuant to RMC 2.20.110 and RMC 1.01.110, any person violating any provision of this Proclamation of Emergency and Order Imposing Curfew shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 5: FILING OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND ORDER - RATIFICATION.

This Order shall be filed with the City Clerk and shall be presented, as soon as practical, to the Redmond City Council for confirmation, modification, or rejection. If the Council rejects this Order, it shall thereafter be null and void. Such rejection shall be prospective only and shall not affect any actions taken prior to such rejection.

SECTION 6: DISTRIBUTION.

A copy of this Order shall be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Washington and the King County Executive. To the extent practicable, a copy of this Order shall be made available to all news media within the City and to the general public. In order to give the widest dissemination of this Order to the public, as many other available means as may be practical shall be used, including but not limited to posting on the City's website and using other emergency communication channels.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2020.



Mayor Angela Birney