

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THREATENED CIVIL DISTURBANCE AND IMPOSITION OF DAILY CURFEW BEGINNING ON JUNE 3, 2020

WHEREAS, City of Sumter City Code section 54-2 authorizes the Mayor to declare a state of emergency under certain circumstances and to declare a curfew; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, I find, based on credible information provided by City administration and law enforcement, that certain persons threaten imminently to convert peaceful protests into civil disturbance and riot within the City, endangering the lives, safety, health and welfare of the people within the City and threatening damage to or destruction of property,

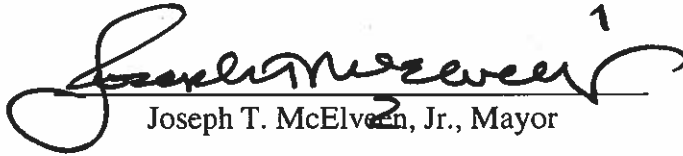
NOW, THEREFORE, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, I DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A state of emergency exists in the City of Sumter by reason of threatened riot and civil disturbance that endangers the lives, safety, health and welfare of the people within the City and threatens damage to or destruction of property.
2. A City-wide curfew is necessitated by this state of emergency and is hereby declared, established, and imposed, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on June 3, 2020 and continuing until 6 a.m. on Monday, June 8, and restricting the travel of individuals every day from 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. with the exception of individuals traveling to and from work for work purposes, for healthcare or duty exempted in Section 3. During the hours of curfew, individuals shall stay in their homes and not travel through or congregate in the streets, sidewalks, waterways, alleyways, parking lots, public ways, public rights-of-way, and/or other public spaces in the City of Sumter, including the premises of establishments that hold a City of Sumter business license, except as provided herein.
3. During the curfew, the following persons are exempted and are free to travel to carry out their duties: law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, active duty military, health care providers and professionals, and public works and utility workers employed by any utility serving the public, including any such persons employed by the City of Sumter, the County of Sumter, the State of South Carolina, or the United States of America.
4. Any person violating any provision of this Declaration shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to punishment not to conflict with that set forth in S.C. Code section 16-7-10 or other applicable provisions of State law. Each day of violation, and each violation occurring within a daily period of curfew, shall be considered a separate offense.

This Declaration shall become effective immediately, with the daily curfew to begin at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2020, to continue until the earlier of repeal or modification of this Declaration, action of the City Council, or 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020.

DONE AND DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS THIRD DAY OF JUNE 2020.

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Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk