

ORDER AND DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO  
DECLARING A CURFEW IN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, NC;

**WHEREAS**, The North Carolina General Assembly has adopted Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the General Statutes, entitled “North Carolina Emergency Management Act”, which sets forth the authority and responsibility of the Governor, State agencies, and local governments in prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural or man-made emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, G.S. §166A-19.22, which is part of the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, authorizes municipalities to declare a state of emergency under conditions and following procedures contained in G.S. §166A-19.22; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Greensboro have duly adopted an ordinance providing that, when there is an existing or threatened state of emergency within the city, extraordinary measures are authorized to cope with illegal activity endangering the lives, safety, health and property of persons within the City of Greensboro (the City); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis, MN, the death of George Floyd, an African-American man, at the hands of Derek Chauvin, a Caucasian law enforcement officer, which was captured on video tape and broadcast widely on social and traditional media resulted in large-scale protests throughout the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and around the nation: and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of the next few days, peaceful protests and demonstrations in Minneapolis evolved and erupted into violence, resulting in wide-scale vandalism, arson, looting, and rioting throughout the metropolitan areas of Minneapolis/St. Paul; and

**WHEREAS**, these protests led to nationwide protests and demonstrations against the deaths of numerous unarmed persons of color occasioned by encounters with law enforcement and in many instances these otherwise peaceful protests erupted into violence just after night fall; and

**WHEREAS**, over the weekend of May 29 – 31, 2020, protests regarding these events began occurring in cities throughout the state of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, these protests were initially peaceful but as darkness fell acts of violence began to occur in many of the larger cities in North Carolina, notably Charlotte, Raleigh, Fayetteville and in the City of Greensboro; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, May 30, 2020 a peaceful protest began in the downtown area of the City, the protestors marched to I-40 and blocked traffic on the interstate for some time, marching back into the downtown area to continue a peaceful protest until roughly 10:00 p.m. when violence began to erupt including the breaking and entering into store fronts across the City and notably setting fire to the County courthouse in downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, May 31, 2020 again a protest that began peacefully during the daytime hours turned violent and resulted in substantial damage to property after night fall resulting in breaking and entering into store fronts and looting from stores across the City;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described events, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City under North Carolina General Statute § 166A-19.31 and Greensboro City Ordinance Secs. 9-2 and 9-4, I do hereby declare a State of Emergency within the corporate limits of the City and order that a curfew be established within the City limits of Greensboro. The curfew shall be imposed from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. EDT beginning immediately and continue until terminated by appropriate declaration resending this order.

Anyone other than the following exempted persons found in public within the City of Greensboro during the times the curfew has been established shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, as provided by North Carolina General Statute § 14-4 and 14-288.20A, and City Ordinance Sec. 9-13:

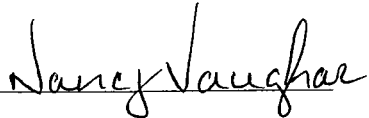
While acting in the line of and within the scope of their respective duties, law enforcement officers, firefighters and other public employees, rescue squad members, doctors, nurses, employees of hospitals and other medical facilities; on-duty military personnel, whether state or federal; on-duty employees of public utilities, public transportation companies, print or online newspaper, magazine, radio and television broadcasting companies operated for profit; individuals traveling directly between their place of work and their residence, seeking medical care, fleeing dangerous circumstances, or experiencing homelessness.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Order and Declaration is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Order and Declaration. The signatory hereby declares that it would have passed this Order and Declaration and each section, subsection, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

***THEREFORE***, I, MAYOR, DO HEREBY DECLARE THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ORDER THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CURFEW ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

Executed this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Angie Lord, City Clerk

 1:20 pm  
Nancy Vaughan, Mayor