

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR'S MAY 31, 2020
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, the Mayor issued a Declaration of Local Emergency pursuant to Section 3-3003 of the City's Emergency and Disaster Management Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-3003 requires that any such declaration must be confirmed by resolution of the City Council at either a specially called meeting or the Council's next regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, such resolution must include the reasons for, anticipated impacts on, actions proposed to be taken, and other pertinent data related to the emergency giving rise to the declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Aldermen and Alderwomen of the City of Savannah agree with the Mayor that issuance of a Declaration of Local Emergency was appropriate and wish hereby to affirm and ratify the Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's May 31, 2020 Declaration of Local Emergency, is HEREBY CONFIRMED. In support hereof, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah find as follows:

1. The City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia experienced an incident of critical significance as a result of the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020;
2. The Governor had not declared a state of emergency for Chatham County or the City of Savannah;
3. The Chair of the Chatham County Commission had not declared a state of emergency for Chatham County or the City of Savannah.
4. The judgment of the Mayor of the City of Savannah, with advice from the City Manager, was correct that there existed emergency circumstances located in the city limits of Savannah requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Savannah, including individuals with household pets and service animals; and
5. To prevent or minimize injury to people, certain actions were required.

The Mayor and Aldermen further find that the following actions directed by the Mayor in his Declaration, as amended, are appropriate and hereby **RATIFIED**:

- (a) That the City Manager shall activate the Emergency Operations Plan;
- (b) That the following sections of the Code of Ordinances be implemented and take effect:

Section 3-3007	Activation of City's Emergency Operations Plan
Section 3-3012	Curfew and Closed or Restricted Areas

(c) Said curfew shall begin on **Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 8:30 p.m.** and will be in effect each day from 8:30 p.m. until the 7:00 a.m. the following day until this declaration is rescinded.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of June, 2020.

Van R. Johnson II
Mayor, City of Savannah

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk of Council