

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia has experienced an incident of critical significance as a result of the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor may but has not declared a state of emergency for Chatham County or the City of Savannah;

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Chatham County Commission may but has not yet declared a state of emergency for Chatham County or the City of Savannah.

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Mayor of the City of Savannah, with advice from the City Manager, there exist 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

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event, certain actions are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

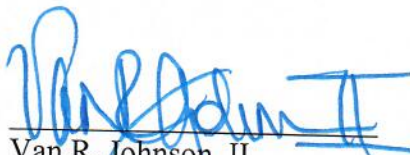
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

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

<a href="#">Section 3-3007</a>	Activation of City's Emergency Operations Plan
<a href="#">Section 3-3012</a>	Curfew and Closed or Restricted Areas

- (3) 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p.m.** and will be in effect each day from 8:30 p.m. until the 7:00 a.m. the following day until this declaration is rescinded.

ENTERED at 3:00 PM p.m. on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2020.

  
 Van R. Johnson, II  
 Mayor, City of Savannah

*May God protect SAVANNAH*

Sec. 3-3007. - Activation of emergency plans.

A declaration of an emergency or a declaration of local emergency shall activate the city's emergency operations plan which shall be the authority for deployment of personnel and use of any forces to which the plan applies and for use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, materials, and facilities assembled, stockpiled or arranged to be made available pursuant to the Georgia Emergency Management Act or any other laws applicable to emergencies or disasters.

(Ord. of 6-21-2018(1), § 1)

Sec. 3-3012. - Closed or restricted areas and curfews during an emergency.

- (a) *Unlawful to violate curfew.* To preserve, protect or sustain the life, health, welfare or safety of persons, or their property, within a designated area under a declaration of emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person to travel, loiter, wander or stroll in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, lanes, parks or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, places of amusement, eating places, vacant lots or any other place during a declared emergency between hours specified by the mayor or city manager until the curfew is lifted.
- (b) *Authority to impose.* To promote order, protect lives, minimize the potential for looting and other crimes, and facilitate recovery operations during an emergency, the mayor or city manager shall have discretion to impose re-entry restrictions on certain areas. The mayor or city manager shall exercise such discretion in accordance with the city's emergency operations plan, which shall be followed during emergencies.
- (c) *Exceptions.* The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons acting in the following capacities:
1. Authorized and essential law enforcement personnel;
  2. Authorized and essential health care providers;
  3. Authorized and essential personnel of the city;
  4. Authorized National Guard or federal military personnel;
  5. Authorized and essential firefighters;
  6. Authorized and essential emergency response personnel;
  7. Authorized and essential personnel or volunteers working with or through the city;
  8. Authorized and essential utility repair crews;
  9. Citizens seeking to restore order to their homes or businesses while on their own property or place of business; and
  10. Other authorized and essential persons as designated on a list compiled by the city.
- (d) *Enforceability.* This section shall be enforced by officers of the law enforcement personnel approved to provide aid and assistance during the emergency. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit a law enforcement officer from bringing other charges under state law.
- (e) *Effective date.* This section shall become effective only upon the signing of a

declaration of emergency, stating this section is in effect.

(Ord. of 6-21-2018(1), § 1)