

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER
2021-23

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on May 27, 2021, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

On March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01 declaring a Peacetime Emergency and coordinating Minnesota's strategy to protect Minnesotans from COVID- 19" pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.31, Subd. 2. This Declaration has been extended and remains in effect.

On March 15, 2020, I issued an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic" pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29; which the City Council consented to on March 17, 2020, and which has been extended and remains in effect.

Saint Paul Leg. Code Chapter 13.06(b) provides that, "whenever necessary to meet an emergency ... the mayor may by executive order promulgate regulations ... for which adequate regulations have not been adopted ... respecting the conduct of persons and the use of property during emergencies; the repair, maintenance and safeguarding of essential public services; emergency health, fire and safety regulations; and all other matters which are required to protect public safety, health and welfare in emergencies.

Buildings and residences in downtown Saint Paul are connected by a robust skyway system which allows downtown residents to move between buildings and provides downtown residents with access to essential businesses.

The hours of the skyway system are governed by Saint Paul Legislative Code §140.10 which sets the General Hours of Operation and requires that "all parts of the skyway system shall be open to the public every day between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m."

Compliance with the skyway hours of operation requires monitoring by both Saint Paul Police and building owners. Allowing Downtown building owners to close their area of the skyway at 7p.m. seven days a week will increase the number of officers available to patrol the streets, provide relief by reducing financial and staffing burdens on building owners, and assist in reducing the incidents of vandalism in the skyway system that are believed to be attributed to the decrease in use by the general population.

On April 9, 2020 I issued Emergency Executive Order 2020-5 to allow an individual with responsibility for a portion of the skyway system to close their portion of the skyway for which they are responsible at 7 p.m. provided that notice of the revised skyway hours are posted in conspicuous locations. That order has been extended and was last extended on April 30, 2021 by Emergency Executive order 2021-20 extending Executive Order 2020-5 without amendment.

Based on the easing of COVID restrictions statewide, the fact that the spread of COVID-19 has slowed, and the wide availability of vaccines it is now time to consider easing back to regular skyway hours. I received input from the City's Department of Safety and Inspections and a

request from the Skyway Governance Advisory Committee that the skyway closure time remain at 7:00 p.m. until Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, and then be extended to a 10:00 pm until Labor Day or the end of the stated emergency.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby issue the following Emergency Executive Order, which will take effect on May 31, 2021:

Executive Order is amended to adjust the skyway closure hours as follows:

- Executive Order 2020-5 is rescinded and replaced with this order.
- An individual with responsibility for a portion of the skyway system is permitted to close their portion of the skyway for which they are responsible no earlier than 10:00 p.m. provided that notice of the revised skyway hours are posted in conspicuous locations.

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, this Executive Order is effective on May 31, 2021 and, if not sooner rescinded or later extended, shall expire at the end of forty (40) days after its effective date or at the end of the declared local emergency to which it relates, whichever occurs first.

Dated: May 27, 2021



Mayor Melvin Carter