

# **City of Saint Paul Emergency Declaration**

**5-29-2020**

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, a Minneapolis police officer killed George Floyd while he was handcuffed and in the custody of officers of the Minneapolis Police Department; and

WHEREAS, other Minneapolis police officers stood guard as witnesses begged the officers to provide life saving aid to George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, civil unrest has arisen in the Twin Cities metropolitan area since Mr. Floyd's death; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned civil unrest included mass protests in Minneapolis on May 26-28, 2020 which caused injuries, looting and the destruction of public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned civil unrest, including looting and the destruction of property, has spread to Saint Paul as of May 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Section 12.29 and Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 13.06 (a) authorize the Mayor to declare a local emergency "when necessary to prevent or respond to emergencies;" and

WHEREAS, Governor Walz, in Executive Order 20-56, has declared a peacetime emergency in the City of Saint Paul as well as the City of Minneapolis and the "surrounding communities"; and

WHEREAS, Governor Walz, as part of Executive Order 20-56, has activated the National Guard to support in emergency operations and response; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned civil unrest constitutes a local emergency as defined by Minnesota Statute Section 12.03, subd. 3 and Saint Paul Legislative Code 13.02; now,

**THEREFORE, MAYOR MELVIN CARTER III, OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes 12.29 and Saint Paul Legislative Code 13.06, declares that a local emergency exists within Saint Paul, effective May 29, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Minnesota Statute, Chapter 12, and Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 13.

2. Directs City departments to review ordinance and regulatory requirements, operations, civil and legal proceedings, events, and resources that can and should be adjusted or suspended, or emergency regulations that should be enacted to support and protect the residents and visitors of Saint Paul and public and private property in Saint Paul.

3. Directs the Saint Paul Director of Emergency Management to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, the Ramsey County Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the State of Minnesota, as needed.
4. Requests the City Council convene an emergency session at its earliest convenience to consent to this declaration. This state of local emergency may not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the Council of the City of Saint Paul.
5. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Carter III', written over a horizontal line.

Melvin Carter III  
Mayor of the City of Saint Paul