

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-40

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on November 5, 2021, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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.”; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the skyway hours of operation requires monitoring by both Saint Paul Police and building owners;

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, based on the easing of COVID restrictions statewide, the fact that the spread of COVID-19 had slowed, and the wide availability of vaccines and the recommendation of skyway stakeholders I issued Executive Order 2021-23 which adjusted the skyway closure hours keeping the skyways open longer; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2021-23 has been extended and expires on November 6, 2021; and WHEREAS representatives from the Department of Safety and Inspections met with representatives from BOMA, Downtown Alliance, Skyway Governance Advisory Committee and the SPPD on October 14, 2021 and the group of stakeholders concurred on a recommendation to expand the operating hours of the skyway to 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily in response to and in support of the entertainment, sports, and dining venues returning to strong levels of activity; and

WHEREAS, the 11:00 p.m. skyway closing matches the Downtown Ambassadors Program hours; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby issue the following Emergency Executive Order:

- Executive Order 2021-23 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 11:00 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 in immediate effect upon my signature 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.

Date: November 5, 2021



Mayor Melvin Carter III