



Legislation Text

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Affirming the Declaration of Local Emergency issued May 29, 2020 by Mayor Melvin Carter III.

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;

WHEREAS, under Minnesota Statute 12.29, subd. 1, and Saint Paul Legislative Code 13.06 (a), a declaration of local emergency may not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the city council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Council affirms the declaration of a state of emergency for a period of 30 days, unless earlier rescinded by the Mayor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.