PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY AND ORDER IMPOSING CURFEW FOR JUNE 1, JUNE 2, JUNE 3, AND JUNE 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020 has generated anger and outrage across the United States resulting in mass demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah supports the people’s right of free speech and lawful assembly guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee’s Safe Start Phase 1 Order prohibits public gatherings in King County as a means of slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in many cities throughout the United States, including Atlanta, Phoenix, New York, Houston, San Jose, Dallas, Portland, and Minneapolis, demonstrations over the killing of George Floyd have turned violent and have led to property destruction, damage to businesses, and injuries to demonstrators, police officers, business owners, and bystanders; and

WHEREAS, violent demonstrations have occurred in Seattle, Bellevue, Renton, Tukwila, and other cities in Washington over the last three nights, resulting in police officers being assaulted with rocks, bottles, and other projectiles, police vehicles being set on fire, a Seattle police rifle being stolen from a police vehicle, closures of Interstate 5 as protesters marched down the freeway, use of Molotov cocktails, and the looting and damaging of stores and other businesses; and

WHEREAS, many cities, including Minneapolis, St. Paul, Louisville, Milwaukee, Columbus, Atlanta, Portland, Cincinnati, Denver, Seattle, and Bellevue, have declared states of emergency and imposed mandatory curfews; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard has been mobilized and is standing ready to provide assistance to cities in the event that assistance is required to maintain safety and order; and

WHEREAS, demonstrations are planned again for additional days; and

WHEREAS, the presence of large numbers of people in limited space, combined with the clear, present, and escalating threat of violence, presents an unacceptably high risk of serious injury to innocent people, including lawful protesters, and significant property damage; and
WHEREAS, these events are rapidly evolving and the Issaquah Police Department needs tools to be able to plan for and effectively control the situation in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Issaquah and those engaged in lawful protests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor of the City of Issaquah, Washington, do hereby proclaim:

Section 1. Declaration of Civil Emergency. For the reasons set forth above, a civil emergency exists in the City of Issaquah requiring and authorizing me to exercise the emergency powers as provided to me in Chapter 38.52 RCW and the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Section 2. Curfew Imposed.

A. A general curfew is hereby imposed throughout the City of Issaquah on the dates and during the hours specified in this Section. The curfew shall be in effect from 8:00 p.m. June 1, 2020 until 6:00 a.m. June 2, 2020, from 8:00 p.m. June 2, 2020 until 6:00 a.m. June 3, 2020, and from 8:00 p.m. June 3, 2020 until 6:00 a.m. June 4, 2020. No person shall enter or remain in the public right-of-way, in the public parks, or in any other public place during the hours that the general curfew is in effect. This general curfew may be enforced by the Issaquah Police Department, other law enforcement agencies, and the military.

B. The general curfew shall not apply to law enforcement personnel who are actively engaged in the performance of their duties; military personnel who are actively engaged in providing assistance pursuant to the request of the Mayor or City Administrator; emergency personnel and other City and governmental personnel who are actively engaged in carrying out their duties; City and governmental officials with valid identification; workers traveling to and from essential businesses; or representatives of the media authorized in advance by the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Chief of the Issaquah Police Department, or their designees. For purposes of this Order, the phrase “actively engaged in performing or carrying out their duties” includes traveling to and from the location of those duties to begin or end a work shift.

Section 3. Distribution. A copy of this Order shall be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Washington and the King County Executive. To the extent practicable, a copy of this Proclamation and Order shall be made available to all news media within the City and to the general public. In order to give the widest dissemination of this Proclamation and Order to the public, as many other available means as may be practical shall be used, including but not limited to posting on the City’s website and using other emergency communication channels.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah this 1st day of June, 2020.

MARY LOU PAULY, MAYOR
ORDINANCE NO. 2907

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, MAKING VIOLATION OF THE CURFEW IMPOSED BY MAYOR PAULY’S JUNE 1, 2020 DECLARATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY TO BE A CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND ESTABLISHING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020 has generated anger and outrage across the United States resulting in mass demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah supports the people’s right of free speech and lawful assembly guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, in many cities throughout the United States, demonstrations have been lawful and peaceful as demonstrators have protested the death of George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, in other cities, including Atlanta, Phoenix, New York, Houston, San Jose, Dallas, Portland, and Minneapolis, individuals have used the demonstrations as an excuse to engage in violent criminal acts and to inflict property destruction, damage to businesses, and injuries to lawful demonstrators, police officers, business owners, and bystanders; and

WHEREAS, violence has occurred in Seattle, Bellevue, Renton, Tukwila, and other cities in Washington over the last three nights, resulting in police officers being assaulted with rocks, bottles, and other projectiles, police vehicles being set on fire, a Seattle police rifle being stolen from a police vehicle, closures of Interstate 5 as protesters marched down the freeway, use of Molotov cocktails, and the looting and damaging of stores and other businesses; and
WHEREAS, many cities, including Minneapolis, St. Paul, Louisville, Milwaukee, Columbus, Atlanta, Portland, Cincinnati, Denver, Seattle, and Bellevue, have declared states of emergency and imposed mandatory curfews; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard has been mobilized and is standing ready to provide assistance to cities in the event that assistance is required to maintain safety and order; and

WHEREAS, more demonstrations are planned and individuals may use those demonstrations as an excuse to engage in further violent acts; and

WHEREAS, the presence of large numbers of people in limited space, combined with the clear, present, and escalating threat of violence, presents an unacceptably high risk of serious injury to innocent people, including lawful protesters, and significant property damage; and

WHEREAS, these events are rapidly evolving and the Issaquah Police Department needs tools to be able to plan for and effectively control the situation in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Issaquah and those engaged in lawful protests.

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, Mayor Pauly issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order Imposing a Curfew from 8:00 p.m. on June 1 to 6:00 a.m. on June 2, from 8:00 p.m. on June 2 to 6:00 a.m. on June 3, and from 8:00 p.m. on June 3 to 6:00 a.m. on June 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the enforcement of the curfew, the Issaquah City Council has been asked to declare the violations of the curfew to be a criminal misdemeanor;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. Violation of Order Imposing Curfew – Penalty. Any person violating or failing to comply with the curfew order imposed by Mayor Pauly in her June 1, 2020 Proclamation Declaring Civil Emergency and Order Imposing Curfew from 8:00 p.m. on June 1 to 6:00 a.m. on June 2, from 8:00 p.m. on June 2 to 6:00 a.m. on June 3, and from 8:00 p.m. on June 3 to 6:00 a.m. on June 4, 2020, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $250 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. Declaration of Emergency – Immediate Effective Date. For the reasons set forth above and in Mayor Pauly’s Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order Imposing Curfew dated June 1, 2020, the Issaquah City Council finds and declares that a public emergency exists due to the potentially violent demonstrations experienced by other cities that makes this Ordinance necessary for the immediate protection of the public health, public safety, public property, and public peace. This Ordinance, having been declared an emergency and having received the affirmative votes of at least a majority plus one of the whole membership of the Issaquah City Council, is not subject to referendum and shall become effective immediately upon adoption. The City Clerk shall publish this ordinance or a summary thereof in the ordinary course of business.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Issaquah, the 1st day of June, 2020.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Issaquah, the 1st day of June, 2020.

MARY LOU PAULY, MAYOR
ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CHRISTINE L, EGGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JAMES E. HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY

PUBLISHED: June 4, 2020
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2020
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