



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY BY MAYOR MAYOR'S DECLARATION 2020-01

DECLARING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18-4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, THAT THERE IS AN EMERGENCY IN EXISTENCE WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE DUE TO UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLAGE AND DISRUPTION OF PEACE THAT AFFECTS THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND EXERCISING MY EMERGENCY POWER TO ESTABLISH A CURFEW WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 18-4 of the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, in the event of an emergency which may affect the lives and property of the citizens of the City of Lawrenceville ("the City"), the Mayor may determine that an emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Mayor shall have and may exercise for such period as such emergency or disaster exists or continues, powers including: to perform and exercise such other functions and duties and take such emergency actions as may be necessary to promote and secure the safety, protection and well-being of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, since Wednesday, May 27, 2020, thousands of persons have gathered in various cities and communities around the United States to honor the life of George Floyd, a black American man killed by a law enforcement officer in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, to demand justice for his killing, and to march in solidarity; and

WHEREAS, myself and other government and community leaders across the United States have urged peaceful assemblies to ensure the lawful exercise of citizens' constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of Friday, May 29, 2020, thousands of persons gathered in the City of Atlanta to demand justice for the killing of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and others; and

WHEREAS, after initial peaceful assemblies of persons in the City of Atlanta and various communities around the United States, circumstances became dangerous; and

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the organized, peaceful assembly, other persons began inciting violence and lawlessness among those still lingering in the area of the peaceful assembly; and

WHEREAS, these additional persons threatened public safety and private property by throwing rocks, breaking windows, destroying government property, and destroying private property; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the acts of violence and disruption of the peace and tranquility demonstrated during the evening and night of May 29, 2020, and in consultation with the City of Atlanta, public safety officials, civil rights leaders, and emergency preparedness officials, on May 29, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order 05.29.20.01 declaring a State of Emergency in Fulton County, Georgia, (“Governor’s Executive Order”); and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order 05.30.20.02 expanding the Governor’s Executive Order to cover all counties in the State of Georgia and to be in effect until Monday, June 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, following initially peaceful assemblies of persons in Gwinnett County and the City of Lawrenceville, a few people engaged in unlawful behavior resulting in damage to property and also resulted in the arrest of some people; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the disruption of the peace and tranquility, the experiences of the City of Atlanta, the City of Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, and other communities around the United States, I have determined there exists an emergency which may affect the lives and property of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with this determination, and in accordance with Section 18-4 of the Code of the the City of Lawrenceville, I have determined there to be an emergency in existence within the territorial jurisdictional limits of the City of Lawrenceville; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND DECREED, and it is hereby ordered and decreed as follows:

Section 1: I have determined there exists an emergency within the territorial limits of the City of Lawrenceville which may affect the lives and property of the citizens of the City as a result of the disruption of the peace and tranquility that has occurred in the City of Atlanta, the City of Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, and other communities around the United States.

Section 2: In accordance with this determination, and in accordance with Section 18-4 of the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, I hereby declare there to be an emergency in existence within the territorial jurisdictional limits of the City of Lawrenceville through and including Monday, June 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Section 3: As a result of the emergency declared herein, and each day during the duration thereof, I shall have the authority to establish by written order a curfew in the entire territorial jurisdiction of the City of Lawrenceville as such curfew shall promote and secure the safety, protection and well-being

of the inhabitants of the City. Said curfew shall begin at 9:00 p.m. and shall end at 6:00 a.m. the following morning. Further, during said curfew it shall be unlawful to gather, congregate, or assemble outdoors, except in a group consisting of those persons residing in the same household/address.

Section 4: If one or more of the provisions contained in the Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Constitution of the United States, the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions herein, but in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained with this Order.

SO ORDERED AND DECREED, this 1st day of June, 2020.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk

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