

CIVIL UNREST PUBLIC ORDER NO. 2020-1

**CIVIL UNREST PUBLIC ORDER NO. 2020-1 OF THE CITY MANAGER
ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF
TORRANCE IMPOSING A CURFEW CITYWIDE**

WHEREAS, Section 16.2.4 of the Torrance Municipal Code declares that the City Manager of the City of Torrance is the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Section 16.2.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code empowers the City Manager of the City of Torrance as Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020, I declared the existence of a local emergency due to civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8634 empowers the City Council and delegated officials to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for protection of life or property during a local emergency; and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has specifically delegated this authority to the City Manager as Director of Emergency Services in Chapter 6 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, under conditions of the local emergency, it is deemed necessary in the interest of public safety to restrict the use of certain public areas of City of Torrance; and

WHEREAS, it is especially difficult to preserve public safety during the hours of darkness; and

WHEREAS, life and property is deemed to be in peril and speed is of the essence; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find

- 1) that due to the civil unrest, a curfew is necessary to preserve life and property; and
- 2) the City Council is not in session and cannot be immediately called into session

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that a curfew will be in effect starting at 12:00 a.m. on May 31, 2020. Except for May 31, 2020, the curfew will be in effect every day between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. during the state of local emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during the curfew hours of 8:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. that no person shall be upon the public street, avenue, alley, park, way, or other public place or unimproved public realty within the City of Torrance.

This curfew shall not apply to:

- 1) Police officers, peace officers, firefighters, the National Guard or other military personnel, or other emergency personnel,
- 2) Authorized representatives of any news service, newspaper, or radio or television station or network.
- 3) People going directly to and from their place of employment.
- 4) Essential workers

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the law enforcement forces of the City of Torrance, along with the law enforcement authorities cooperating with the City of Torrance, are hereby authorized and charged, to the extent provided by law, with the responsibility of enforcing this curfew and are further authorized to arrest such persons that do not obey this curfew after due notice, oral or written, has been given to said persons. Any person not abiding by this declaration is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment in accordance with Torrance Municipal Code section 16.2.13 or Government Code section 8665.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this regulation shall remain in effect until such time as it is terminated by either the Director of Emergency Services, the City Council of the City of Torrance, or the termination or expiration of the state of emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that violation of this Order shall be punished as provided by Torrance Municipal Code Section 16.2.13, California Government Code Section 8665, or any applicable state or municipal law. The violation of any provision of this Order is declared to be a nuisance and may be abated by the City in accordance with its authority to abate nuisances. The remedies listed in this Order are not exclusive of any other remedies available to the City under any applicable Federal, State, or local law and it is within the discretion of the City to seek cumulative remedies.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Order shall apply Citywide until rescinded by the City Council or City Manager.

DATE: 30 May 2020


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager and Director
of Emergency Services

TIME: 10:36 pm