

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2020-068
May 31, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Public Emergency and Declaration of a Second Public Emergency -
District-wide Curfew

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, Pub. L. 93-198, 87 Stat. 790, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22 (2016 Repl.); pursuant to the Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (the "Act"), effective May 19, 2020, D.C. Act 23-326, and any substantially similar subsequent emergency or temporary legislation; section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-149, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304 (2018 Repl.); section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002, D.C. Law 14-194, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01 (2018 Repl.); section 1 of An Act To Authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make regulations to prevent and control the spread of communicable and preventable diseases, approved August 11, 1939, 53 Stat. 1408, D.C. Official Code §§ 7-131 *et seq.* (2012 Repl.); 24 DCMR §§ 2200 - 2203, and in accordance with Mayor's Order 2020-045, dated March 11, 2020, Mayor's Order 2020-046, dated March 11, 2020, Mayor's Order 2020-050, dated March 20, 2020, Mayor's Order 2020-063, dated April 15, 2020, and Mayor's Order 2020-066, May 13, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. BACKGROUND

1. Washington, DC, is the proud host of demonstrations and peaceful protests, and as Mayor of Washington, DC, I am proud of our city.
2. For the past two nights, our police, and firefighters, and members of the public safety team for Washington, DC, along with our federal partners, have been working to make sure people may exercise their First Amendment rights, while not destroying Washington, DC.
3. I recognize and empathize with the outrage that people feel following the murder of George Floyd in Minnesota last week. We are grieving hundreds of years of institutional racism – systems that require Black Americans to prove their humanity, just for it to be disregarded.
4. In the downtown area of the District of Columbia, numerous businesses and government buildings were vandalized, burned, or looted. Over the past nights, there has been a glorification of violence, particularly during later hours of the night. This violence is not representative of peaceful protest or individuals

exercising their lawful First Amendment rights.

5. The health, safety, and well-being of persons within the District of Columbia are threatened and endangered by the existence of these violent actions.
6. Moreover, the District is currently under a declared public health state of emergency due to COVID-19, and gatherings of more than ten (10) persons are currently prohibited in order to reduce the spread of the disease and to protect the public health. Many protesters are not observing physical distancing requirements and many protestors are not wearing masks or face coverings, putting the public health at further risk.
7. I now must exercise my authority to impose a curfew, in order to protect the safety of persons and property in the District.
8. By this Order, a second public emergency is declared in the District of Columbia, and a curfew is ordered for the night of May 31, 2020.


II. CURFEW ORDERED

1. A District-wide curfew is hereby ordered commencing at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2020 and ending at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020.
2. During the hours of the curfew, no person, other than persons designated by the Mayor, shall walk, bike, run, loiter, stand, or motor by car or other mode of transport upon any street, alley, park, or other public place within the District. Individuals performing essential duties as authorized by prior Mayor's Orders, including working media with their outlet-issued credentials and healthcare personnel, are exempt when engaged in essential functions.

III. ENFORCEMENT

Any person who violates the curfew imposed by this Order may be subject to a criminal fine of up to three-hundred dollars (\$300) or to imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days pursuant to Title 24 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations § 2203.4.

- IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective immediately.



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR