PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 4 (CURFEW) BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency when the City of Beverly Hills was potentially subject to violent protests concerning the tragic death of George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020, the City of Beverly Hills was subjected to widespread acts of violence and property damage by people who were taking advantage of the protests concerning the tragic death of George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, at least eleven stores were looted, including almost every pharmacy in the City where primarily the pharmaceuticals were taken, and at least 95 business were damaged including many buildings that were tagged with graffiti, much of the public art in the City was defaced, and the Civic Center was also tagged with multiple incidents of graffiti; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020 retail establishments in the cities of Santa Monica and Long Beach were looted and fires erupted at the same time as other peaceful protests concerning the tragic death of George Floyd;

WHEREAS, the looting of the retail establishments in the cities of Santa Monica and Long Beach happened during the daylight hours;

WHEREAS, on June 1st, 2020 retail establishments in the City of Los Angeles experienced looting in the areas of Van Nuys and Hollywood during the daytime hours and the same time as other peaceful protests concerning the tragic death of George Floyd;

WHEREAS, the proclamation of a “local emergency” empowers the Director of Emergency Services to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such local emergency pursuant to Section 8634 of the Government Code; and

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

WHEREAS, under the Proclamation of Civil Emergency Order No. 1 (Curfew) the City of Beverly Hills was under curfew from 8:00 PM to 5:30 AM on May 30th through May 31st, 2020, and under the Proclamation of Civil Emergency Order No. 2 (Curfew) the City of Beverly Hills was under curfew from 4:00 PM to 5:30 AM from May 31st through June 1st and the business district was under curfew from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on May 31st, and under the Proclamation of Civil Emergency Order No. 3 (Curfew) the City of Beverly Hills was under curfew from 1:00 PM to 5:30 AM from June 1st through June 2nd; and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation of Civil Emergency Order No. 1 (Curfew) failed to stem the violence and property damage related to the protests because the violence and property
damage started prior to 8:00 PM and based on the experience of Santa Monica starting the curfew at 4:00 PM also failed to stem the violence and property damage; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of violence and property damage is occurring in the business district areas of Santa Monica, Long Beach, Van Nuys, and Hollywood; and

WHEREAS, life and property is deemed to be in peril as there are more protests in the communities surrounding Beverly Hills scheduled for tomorrow, and speed is of the essence; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police determined that the safety of the public, and public and private property, requires the maintenance of the curfew in the Business District beginning at 1:00 PM and relaxation of the curfew in the residential area so that the curfew begins at 4:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, it is imminently necessary to use extraordinary measures to protect the public peace, safety, and welfare;

Now therefore:

1. A curfew is hereby imposed in the City of Beverly Hills.

2. No persons shall be upon the public streets, avenues, alleys, parks, ways, or any other public place or upon unimproved private real property in the City of Beverly Hills between the hours of 4:00 PM and 6:00 AM.

3. In addition, no person shall be upon the public streets, avenues, alleys, parks, ways or any other public place or upon unimproved private real property in the Business District of Beverly Hills between the hours of 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. For the purpose of this Proclamation, the Business District of Beverly Hills shall include the Business Triangle, which is bordered by the alley south of Wilshire Boulevard on the south, the northern border of North Santa Monica Boulevard on the north, and the center line of Crescent Drive on the east; La Cienega Boulevard; Robertson Boulevard; South Beverly Drive; Santa Monica Boulevard North east of Crescent; Santa Monica Boulevard (north and south) south of Wilshire; Wilshire Boulevard east of Crescent Drive and west of Spalding; Olympic Boulevard; Sunset Boulevard; Beverly Gardens Park; Burton Way; and San Vincente; and

4. The law enforcement personnel of this City along with other law enforcement authorities cooperating with the City are hereby authorized and charged to the extent provided by law with the responsibility of enforcing this curfew, and are further authorized to arrest any person who does not obey this curfew after due notice, oral or written, has been given to said person.

5. A violation of the curfew shall be punishable as a misdemeanor pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 3, Article 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.
6. Law enforcement personnel, firefighting personnel, emergency health care providers, civilians engaged in police or emergency work, representatives of the media, merchants or their representatives securing or cleaning up their retail establishments, government and public utility public works projects, and City Public Works personnel are exempt from this Civil Emergency Order No. 4.

7. This regulation shall remain in effect until such time as it is terminated by the Director of Emergency Services or the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at 9:43 p.m. this 2nd day of June, 2020

By: 
Director of Emergency Services
City of Beverly Hills