PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 3 (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, many buildings 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 in connection with 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, 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 1 and the business district was under curfew from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on May 31st; 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, life and property is deemed to be in peril as there are more protests in the communities surrounding Beverly Hills, and perhaps in Beverly Hills, scheduled for today, and speed is of the essence; and
WHEREAS, the Chief of Police determined that the safety of the public, and public and private property, require the imposition of the curfew throughout the City at an earlier time; 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 1:00 PM and 5:30 AM.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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, and City Public Works personnel are exempt from this Civil Emergency Order No. 3.

6. 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 11:45 a.m. this 1st day of June, 2020

By: 

Director of Emergency Services
City of Beverly Hills