

**CITY OF LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND NIGHTTIME CURFEW**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Lexington finds the following factual situation exists:

1. The cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, have experienced widespread civil unrest since at least May 26, 2020.
2. Said civil unrest has included violent and destructive acts that have placed public safety at risk and resulted in near catastrophic property damage.
3. Law enforcement personnel have received reports of potential protests planned to occur in and near the City.
4. Law enforcement personnel and emergency first responders for the City of Lexington expect violent and destructive acts of civil unrest to continue and escalate without invocation of certain portions of the City's emergency management plan.

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the factual situation is sudden, unforeseen and could not have been reasonably anticipated as it currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the factual situation threatens the health, safety and welfare of the residents of and the property within the City of Lexington; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that conditions within the City of Lexington have the potential to worsen quickly and without notice due to the factual situation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the traditional governmental processes are unable to appropriately protect the safety and property of the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29, the Mayor of Lexington proclaims and declares a local emergency effective 10 p.m. on June 1, 2020. Under state law, this declaration shall last no longer than three days unless extended by and through the consent of the Lexington City Council.

This declaration immediately invokes the establishment of a City-wide nighttime curfew, consistent with Gov. Walz's Executive Order 20-69, for all persons within the City of Lexington from 10 p.m. through 4 a.m., effective 10 p.m. on June 1, 2020 and ending at 4 a.m. on June 2, 2020.

During the curfew, no person may be present in, nor may travel, either on foot or in any vehicle or conveyance, on any public street or in any public place.

All law enforcement, fire, and medical personnel, and members of the Minnesota National Guard are exempt from the curfew. Individuals seeking emergency care, fleeing dangerous circumstances, or experiencing homelessness are exempt from the curfew.

An individual who willfully violates the curfew provisions of this declaration is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment of not more than 90 days.

This declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity.

APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2020.



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Mike Murphy, Mayor

Attested:



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Bill Petracek, City Administrator