

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2020-070

June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Continuation of District-wide Curfew during COVID-19 Public Emergency and Second Public Emergency

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; 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; 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; 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.*; 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, Mayor's Order 2020-066, May 13, 2020, and Mayor's Order 2020-068, dated May 31, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. BACKGROUND

1. The findings of Mayor's Order 2020-068, dated May 31, 2020 and Mayor's Order 2020-069, dated June 1, 2020 are incorporated herein.
2. For the past several nights, our police, firefighters, and members of the public safety team for Washington, DC, have been working to make sure people may exercise their First Amendment and voting rights, while not defacing, damaging, or destroying churches, monuments, parks, vehicles, businesses, or government offices in Washington, DC.
3. However, in multiple areas throughout the District of Columbia, numerous businesses, vehicles, and buildings have been vandalized, burned, or looted. This destruction is not representative of peaceful protest or individuals exercising their First Amendment rights. These incidents affect the operations of District government agencies.
4. Although I requested the aid of an unarmed contingent of the District of Columbia National Guard, activated as part of the COVID-19 public health emergency in the District, I have not requested any additional National Guard members from any state.

5. Nor have I requested any additional law enforcement assistance from neighboring jurisdictions.
6. Further, I have not requested any military forces that the President has deployed in the District. That presence is not under my direction nor accountable to me, the Chief of Police, or the residents of the District of Columbia.
7. Since home rule, the District has developed a finely wrought system of incident command with our federal partners. This week's actions by the federal government upended that system of coordination, risking potential harm to our residents and visitors.
8. This is an incendiary situation where the health, safety, and well-being of persons within the District of Columbia are threatened and endangered.
9. I must exercise my authority to continue, but shorten, the imposition of a curfew, in order to protect the safety of persons and property in the District of Columbia.

II. CURFEW ORDERED

1. A District-wide curfew is hereby imposed on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, beginning at 11:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 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.
3. **Exemptions:** The curfew imposed by this Order shall not apply to essential workers, including healthcare personnel and working media with their outlet-issued credentials, when engaged in essential functions, including travel to and from their essential work.
4. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prohibit or restrict travel to a hospital or urgent care facility, nor shall such travel be considered in violation of this Order.

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