

RESOLUTION NO. 47-20

PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND DUE TO CIVIL UNREST

WHEREAS, following the Declarations of a State and National Emergency, on March 10, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a state of local emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic (Resolution 18-20) and the Richmond City Council ratified the proclamation on March 17, 2020 (Resolution 19-20); and

WHEREAS, there have been protests throughout the country in response to George Floyd's death while detained by a Minneapolis police officer on May 25, 2020; and although many of those protests have been peaceful, some have resulted in civil unrest, looting, rioting, fires and significant property damage, including in other Bay Area communities of San Francisco, Oakland, Vallejo, Emeryville, Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill, as well as the death of a Federal Protective Services officer in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Richmond police officers have already responded to property damage in Richmond including burglaries and damage at Hilltop Mall; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such potential injury and damage that is likely to expand, such civil unrest also increases the potential for more transmissions of COVID-19 and violations of shelter-in-place orders, including the increased possibility of transmissions affecting public safety officers;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

- (1) That at the time of this proclamation the City Council is not in session; and
- (2) That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen caused by national civil unrest, looting, rioting, fires and significant property damage, including in other Bay Area communities of San Francisco, Oakland, Vallejo, Emeryville, Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill, as well as the death of a Federal Protective Services officer in Oakland, with such civil unrest likely to expand into Contra Costa County and the City of Richmond; and
- (3) Such civil unrest also increases the potential for more transmissions of COVID-19 and violations of shelter-in-place orders, including the increased possibility of transmissions affecting public safety officers; and
- (4) That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE PROCLAIMED that a Local

Emergency exists throughout the City of Richmond, commencing on or about 9 a.m. on the 2nd day of June, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this Local Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plan of the City of Richmond in order to mitigate the effects of this Local Emergency, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the City Council, until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Richmond.

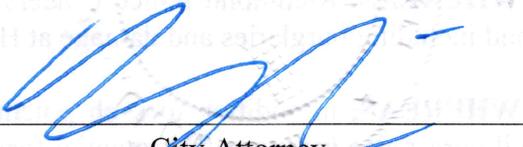
Dated: 6/2/2020

By: 

Director of Emergency Services
City of Richmond

Approved as to Form

Dated: 6/2/20

By: 

City Attorney