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City Manager implements new orders following local protests

Dallas, Texas – Following Texas Governor Greg Abbott’s and Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson’s declarations of a State of Disaster on Sunday, May 31, City Manager T.C. Broadnax signed orders instituting a curfew in central Dallas from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Section 14B of the Dallas City Code allows the curfew to protect life and property and preserve critical resources while a state of disaster is in effect.

The emergency regulations set by City Manager Broadnax establish a nighttime curfew limiting travel and gathering in central Dallas’ public places from Oak Lawn to the north, Riverfront to the west, Corinth to the south, and Peak to the east including the downtown, Deep Ellum, Farmers Market, Cedars, Uptown, and Victory Park neighborhoods. Individuals traveling to and from work, seeking medical attention or engaging in exempt activities, fleeing dangerous situations, or experiencing homelessness are exempt from the curfew. Residents or employees who live or work in the curfew area should be prepared to show proof of residency or work credentials if they need to travel in or out of the area while curfew is in effect.

“We are a resilient city and will make a full recovery, but first the health and safety of Dallas’ residents, business patrons, employees, and owners, and our first responders are our highest priority in instituting this temporary curfew,” said City Manager T.C. Broadnax. “While many are understandably still shocked, grieving, and peacefully protesting the tragic loss of Mr. Floyd, it is no excuse for violence, looting, or vandalism. We must also remember we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and Dallas residents are safest at home. The City of Dallas and DPD continue to respect and protect the rights of peaceful protesters but urges those gathering to exercise personal responsibility and practice social distancing.”

The Dallas Police Department will protect peaceful protesters, residents, and business owners, patrons, and employees; manage traffic; and vigilantly remove or control bricks or anything which may be used to harm people, vandalize or destroy property, or aid in other criminal mischief.

Governor Abbott’s disaster declaration for the entire state of Texas has also activated the National Guard, and between 120 and 150 National Guard officers in Grand Prairie are available if needed.

All Dallas residents are strongly urged not to take matters into their own hands and to call 9-1-1 if they continue to see violence, destruction of personal property, vandalism, or other criminal mischief.

These regulations are effective immediately and continue until they are either rescinded or until they expire.

The Emergency Regulations are available here, <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/public-affairs-outreach/Pages/CentralDallasCurfew.aspx>.

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