



Anoka County

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SCOTT SCHULTE
Chair, District #7

ANOKA COUNTY DECLARING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in the custody of officers of the Minneapolis Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board recognizes and supports the right to peaceful protests as protected by the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, an unprecedented amount of civil disturbance has emerged in the Twin Cities metropolitan area following George Floyd's death; and

WHEREAS, this civil unrest has included mass protests, vandalism, looting and the damage and destruction of public and private property; and

WHEREAS, property in Anoka County was vandalized as of the evening of May 28, 2020, during this civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, civil unrest constitutes a local emergency as defined by Minnesota Statute Section 12:03, subd. 3; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz, in Executive Order 20-65, has implemented a temporary Nighttime Curfew in the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, with communities in Anoka County being contiguous to the areas subject to curfew orders, it is necessary, proper and prudent to protect the safety of life and property in Anoka County and to implement proactive measures to reduce the possibility of civil disobedience, vandalism, looting, civil unrest and rioting resulting in property damage and threats to the health and safety of the citizens of Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances give rise to a county-wide emergency necessitating swift government action to preserve the safety and wellbeing of our citizenry and their property. By way of this declaration of emergency, the chair of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners is hereby assigned, delegated and empowered to implement reasonable restrictions on persons in and attempting to enter Anoka County. Such reasonable measures include, but are not limited to, imposing a curfew; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 12.29 authorizes the Chair of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners to sign a Declaration of Local Emergency in Anoka County valid for up to 72 hours after which a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be needed to continue this Declaration; and,

WHEREAS, The Chair of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, in consultation with the Anoka County Sheriff, recommends the Anoka County Board of Commissioners declare that a Local State of Emergency exists in Anoka County:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Scott Schulte, as Chair of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, declare Anoka County to be in a Local State of Emergency May 29, 2020, due to ongoing and expected response to civil unrest activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I direct as follows:

1. **Nighttime curfew:** effective May 29, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. a curfew is imposed in all public places within the County of Anoka during the following times:
 - From 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29 until 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2020.
 - From 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 until 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2020.
 - From 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31 until 3:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020.
2. **Travel:** During this curfew, all persons must not travel on any public street or public place.
3. **Exemptions:** All law enforcement, fire and medical personnel, as well as other personnel authorized by Anoka County, the Department of Public Safety, Minnesota State Patrol, or Minnesota National Guard, and credentialed members of the media are exempt from the curfew. Individuals seeking emergency care, fleeing danger, or experiencing homelessness, and having to travel to and from employment and religious services are also exempt. All local Anoka County public jurisdictions may designate additional exempt personnel.
4. **Definitions:** For purposes of this emergency declaration, "travel" includes, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, or any other mode of transporting a person from one location to another. "Public Place" means any place, whether on privately or publicly owned property, accessible to the general public, including but not limited to public streets, roads, alleys, highways, sidewalks, parks, vacant lots and unsupervised property.

Signed this 29th Day of May 2020.



Scott Schulte, Chair
Anoka County Board of Commissioners