

# Frequently Asked Questions: Declaration of Emergency and Order

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

### ***Why was the curfew enacted?***

Mayor Chris Watts on why he signed a declaration of emergency in order to establish a curfew in certain parts of our city: "What we have to do is provide every opportunity to protect our citizens, to protect life, and to protect property. In no way is this order meant to say or imply that the citizens of our city will be violent or have civil unrest during peaceful protests." [Click here to watch a video of the Mayor's statement for more details.](#)

### ***When will the curfew end?***

The local order for the curfew and other measures to promote peaceful protests will be in effect until 5 p.m., Sunday, June 7.

### ***Who is exempt from the curfew?***

Public safety personnel, credentialed members of the news media, towing and roadside assistance services, individuals traveling to and from work, or individuals seeking medical attention, and other designated persons and activities are exempted from this curfew.

Employees who work at establishments within the curfew area are allowed to travel to and from work and carry bags/purses into and out of work. Other groups who are permitted to travel within the curfew area between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. include residents who live above, beside, and around businesses in the affected area and anyone traveling to and from work/school.

## RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

### ***Can I walk, ride a bicycle or skateboard, drive, and travel through designated curfew areas between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.?***

No, not unless you are traveling home, to work, or to other permitted activities. If you must travel through a curfew area between 5 p.m. and 6 a.m., do not carry these items:

- Weapons, including knives, pepper spray, and clubs;
- All purses, bags, and containers larger than a small clutch bag, backpacks and other similar bags and containers as listed in the order; and
- Projectiles and signs with rigid components that could be used as a weapon.

### ***What if I work within a designated curfew area?***

The curfew allows people to continue working during curfew hours, to travel to and from work or home, and to conduct other permitted activities.

### **What if I live in a designated curfew area or must travel through one to get home?**

Individuals may travel to or from their residence in the affected area. After 9 p.m., residents are encouraged to be mindful and to travel only directly to or from their residence to ensure we may continue to keep everyone safe.

### ***What items are prohibited in the designated areas between 5 p.m. and 6 a.m.?***

- Weapons, including knives, pepper spray, and clubs;
- All purses, bags, and containers larger than a small clutch bag, backpacks and other similar bags and containers as listed in the order; and
- Projectiles and signs with rigid components that could be used as a weapon.

### ***Are peaceful protests allowed before curfew hours?***

Yes, peaceful protests are allowed after 6 a.m. and before 9 p.m.

## **BUSINESSES**

### ***If my business is within a designated curfew area, does it have to close by 9 p.m.?***

The order does not require businesses to close; however, any patrons would have to leave the designated area by the start of the curfew. Delivery and pick up activities, such as those from bars or restaurants, would not be permitted after 9 p.m.

### ***Can employees stay after 9 p.m.?***

Yes, the curfew allows people to continue working during curfew hours and hours travel to and from work.

### ***Do employees need identification to show they're leaving work?***

No, documents are not required for employees going to or from work. Employers are encouraged to review the order with their staff. [Click here to read the signed order and Mayoral Order Area Map \(Exhibit 1\).](#)

Employees are encouraged to leave large bags and backpacks at home, but are allowed to carry bags/purses into and out of work.