

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020 the heinous death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota while in police custody was viewed by millions on social media; and

WHEREAS, this unconscionable death has enraged millions and resulted in violence and destruction throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, since that time various municipalities within Jefferson County have experienced civil unrest to include damage and destruction of businesses in the form of burglaries, arson, and vandalism;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County fully supports the exercise of first amendment rights of its citizens it cannot support or allow the perpetration of criminal acts against the person or property of citizens of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, there is continued uncertainty about the length of time in which the civil unrest will continue, based on public displays of this nature throughout the nation and this county; and

WHEREAS, this situation coupled with the existence of the current COVID-19 State of Emergency further creates emergency conditions in Jefferson County within the intent of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955 as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows by the Jefferson County Commission:

Beginning June 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. June 9, 2020 a public safety curfew for Jefferson County inhabitants shall be in effect between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

No person shall between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day while this curfew is in effect:

- a. Hold or participate in any demonstration, parade, march, or vigil, on any of the public ways or upon any public property;
- b. Travel upon any public street, alley, or roadway or upon any other public property, except those in search of medical assistance, religious services, food, or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their families or some member thereof; those traveling through the County from one location outside of the County to another location outside the County; those returning to one's place of residence or place of employment; or as necessary to comply with legally mandated government purposes, or an order of law enforcement or a court; or those attending school related events or activities;
- c. These restrictions shall not apply to employees of utilities, cable and telecommunications companies and their contractors engaged in activities necessary to maintain or restore utility, official emergency management personnel engaged in emergency management activities, or any other class of persons deemed essential to the preservation of public order and immediately necessary to serve the safety, health and welfare needs of the citizens of Jefferson County including: law enforcement officers, firefighters, public employees, doctors, nurses, persons providing legal services or are a part of the judicial system, employees of hospitals or other medical facilities, on duty military personnel whether state or federal, public transportation companies and newspaper, magazine, radio broadcasting and television broadcasting corporations;

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval, adoption, and publication as provided by law.