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EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued May 31, 2020, the Mayor declared a state of disaster for the City of Dallas resulting from a state of riots and civil disorder; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Mr. Floyd's killing many people around the country have engaged in peaceful protests and demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, in recent days some of the protests and demonstrations have escalated into civil disturbances and riots in multiple cities resulting in property damage and looting; and

WHEREAS, the rioting and criminal activity has occurred under cover of darkness; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, city public safety resources are limited and would be strained if continued civil disorder and rioting occurred; and

WHEREAS, largely peaceful demonstrations in Dallas on May 29 and May 30, 2020, devolved after dark into several incidences of vandalism, looting, and violence; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary policing strategies, such as curfews and partnerships with external law enforcement agencies, are necessary to establishing and maintaining order; and

WHEREAS, Section 14B-7 of the Dallas City Code authorizes the City Manager to "promulgate such regulations as he or she deems necessary to protect life and property and preserve critical resources" while a state of disaster is in effect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the following regulations shall take effect immediately and continue until they are either rescinded, superseded, or amended or until they expire pursuant to applicable law.

SECTION 1. NIGHTTIME CURFEW.

(a) A nighttime curfew is established for the areas described in Exhibit A, which is attached to and made a part of these emergency regulations, including all public places and streets, daily from 7:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the following morning.

(b) During the hours of curfew, all persons must not travel on any public street or be in any public space within the areas described in Exhibit A.

(c) All law enforcement, fire, medical personnel, and members of the news media, as well as other designated persons authorized by the City of Dallas, Dallas Police Department, Dallas County, or the State of Texas are exempt from the curfew. Individuals traveling to and from work, seeking medical attention or engaging in exempt activities, fleeing dangerous situations, or experiencing homelessness are also exempt.

(d) For purposes of these emergency regulations, “travel” includes without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or any other mode of transporting a person from one location to another.

(e) For purposes of these emergency regulations, “public place” means any place, whether on privately or publicly owned property, accessible to the general public, including but not limited to, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, vacant lots, parks, public buildings, parking lots, and unsupervised property.

SECTION 2 SEVERABILITY.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of these emergency regulations or any application of them to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of these regulations.

SECTION 3 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

These regulations shall be effective immediately and continue until they are either rescinded, superseded, or amended or until they expire pursuant to applicable law.

SECTION 4. SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES.

(a) Any ordinances or regulations that conflict with these regulations are suspended or modified as necessary to make these regulations effective.

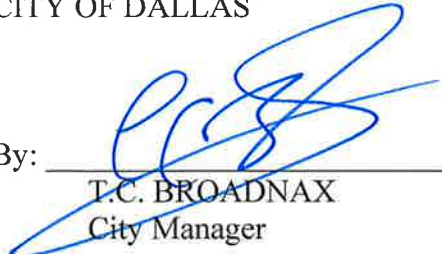
(b) Suspension or modification of the ordinances and regulations shall remain in effect until these regulations are terminated or until the state of disaster is terminated, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES.

(a) These regulations shall have the effect of ordinances when duly filed with the city secretary.

(b) A person who violates any provision of these regulation, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000 and up to 180 days in jail.

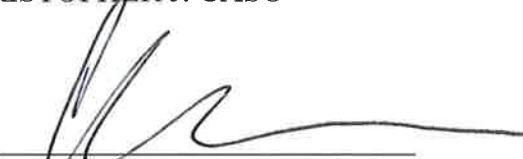
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Passed: MAY 31 2020


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Exhibit A

BEING the area bounded by Riverfront Boulevard to the west, Oak Lawn Avenue to the northwest, Lemmon Avenue to the northeast, Haskell Avenue to the northeast, Main Street to the southeast, Canton Street to the south, Hall Street to the southeast, Malcolm X Boulevard to the northeast, Hickory Street to the southeast, Cesar Chavez Boulevard to the northeast, and Corinth Street to the southwest.

