



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
2020-8 (amended)**

June 4, 2020

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, peaceful protests have been held across the country in response to the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020; however, demonstration activities across the country have been escalated, by some persons, into events which have included acts of violence, primarily during the hours of darkness;

WHEREAS, on the night of June 1, 2020 into the early morning hours of June 2, 2020, the City of Providence experienced substantial violence; including the vandalizing of numerous store fronts, the breaking into and looting of stores within the Providence Place Mall as well as throughout the downtown area, the throwing of bricks and other dangerous objects at police and others, and the setting ablaze of a police vehicle in the public street;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-12 and 30-15-13, as well as the Providence Code of Ordinances §§ 7-3 and 7-8, permit the Mayor to declare a state of emergency in response to both natural and man-made disasters, including riots, in order to take appropriate measures for the protection of the health, safety, and resources of the people of the city as well as in order to prevent or minimize the loss of life and property;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-9(e)(3) and (7), and 30-15-12(b), as well as the City of Providence's Code of Ordinances § 7-8, permit the Mayor to control ingress and egress to and from high risk areas, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein;

WHEREAS, during a period of a declared state of emergency, the mayor has the power, pursuant to §§ 2-36 and 2-37 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, to, among other things, establish a curfew during the hours of which no person shall be allowed in the public streets, ways, or places through the city or in any designated section of the same;

WHEREAS, the imposition of a curfew has been deemed necessary to protect the city and its residents from severe endangerment and harm to their health, safety, and property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JORGE O. ELORZA, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Providence, pursuant the Rhode Island General Laws and the Providence Code of Ordinances, including, but not limited to, Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws, and Sections 2-36 and 2-37 and Chapter 7 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. A state of emergency is hereby declared for the City of Providence due to the dangers to life and property posed by the recent acts of violence and destruction which have taken place within the city.
2. I hereby establish a daily curfew from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. during which hours no person shall be allowed in the public streets, ways, or places of the city.
3. This curfew shall not apply to first responders and emergency medical technicians, individuals providing medical treatment and/or first aid to others, individuals traveling directly to and from work or performing work, patrons of establishments conducting services within the conditions of their license and/or permit, people experiencing homelessness and without access to a viable shelter, individuals seeking medical treatment or medical supplies or fleeing dangerous circumstances, police officers, peace officers, firefighters and members of the news media.
4. The City's disaster emergency plan is hereby activated, and the Providence Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (PEMA) is directed to activate the city's emergency operations center and all necessary city emergency response plans, policies, compacts, and agreements. All city departments, agencies, or quasi-municipal agencies and boards and commissions performing executive functions shall cooperate fully with PEMA in all matters concerning this Order.
5. Nothing in this Executive Order shall constrain duties and powers of the City, the Mayor, or PEMA authorized by Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws and the City of Providence's Code of Ordinances §§ 7-1 *et seq.*
6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through, and until, June 9, 2020, or until such time as is issued a declaration that the need for a state of emergency has abated.

So Ordered:



Jorge O. Elorza Mayor