

ORDINANCE NO.: 2020-053

Ratifying Enactment of a Temporary Emergency Curfew

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WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. Since Mr. Floyd's death, many have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Demonstrators have gathered to protest Mr. Floyd's death. While peaceful demonstrations are essential to our democratic system, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity. These activities threaten the safety of lawful demonstrators, the surrounding communities, and first responders; and,

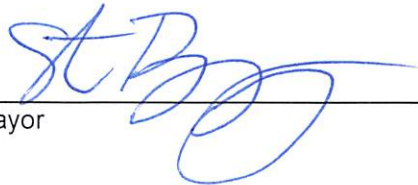
WHEREAS, events of Saturday, May 30, 2020 and Sunday, May 31, 2020 have resulted in property and personal damage and unlawful conduct; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor found it to be in the best interest of the public to protect public health and the general welfare of the public to enact a temporary curfew effective as of 7:45 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2020 until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2020, specifically to prohibit gatherings and require all individuals to remain off of all common areas, including but not limited to streets, parks, rights of way and other public spaces with the areas bounded by Sumter Street, Pendleton Street, Huger Street and Taylor Street and within the areas bounded by Blossom Street, Laurens Street, Gervais Street and Oak Street rather than suffer the unfortunate and devastating consequences later; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 2nd day of June, 2020, that the temporary emergency curfew is hereby ratified.

Requested by:

Mayor



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:

T. A. Knox

City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 6/2/2020

Final Reading: 6/2/2020