## Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency 20-04

June 1, 2020

### CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

### Office of the Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO AMEND THE LITTLE ROCK EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MAY 6, 2020 TO DECLARE CERTAIN ACTIVITIES A HAZARDOUS OR PHYSICALLY OFFENSIVE CONDITION, AND TO PROHIBIT THE CARAVANING OF VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

I, Frank Scott, Jr., duly elected and serving Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the chief executive officer of the City, having already declared a local disaster emergency as a result COVID-19 previously declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, a national state of emergency by President Donald J. Trump, and a disaster emergency within the State of Arkansas by Governor Asa Hutchinson in Executive Order 20-03, as amended or enhanced in Executive Orders 20-04, 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, and 20-13, and renewed in Executive Order 20-25, and state:

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas, as well as the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, have declared a local disaster emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, Governor Asa Hutchinson announced a phrased expansion of activities, and on May 4, 2020, Governor Hutchinson further eased restrictions on certain establishments in accordance with guidelines issued by the Arkansas Department of Health such as lecture halls and other large venues; and,

WHEREAS, after careful review and consultation the Declaration of Local Emergency 20-03 was issued on May 6, 2020, which amended the curfew hours because the State and Pulaski County experienced a decrease in the number of new

COVID-19 positive cases, and the number of deaths has not significantly increased; and,

WHEREAS, starting on May 25, 2020, the daily increase in numbers of new positive diagnoses of COVID-19 has increased by 1,331 cases, and in just the last four days the increase has totalled 976 new cases, which is consistent with suggestions by the CDC and others that a second wave of new cases may occur; and,

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, the death of Mr. George Floyd while in the custody of the Minneapolis, Minnesota Police Department has led to national expressions of concern, as well as peaceful protests, and more violent situations in at least 100 communities across the nation, and at least three in the State of Arkansas including the City of Little Rock; and,

WHEREAS, it is clear that these public actions involve numerous people who are not practicing social distancing guidelines at the very time the number of positive cases of COVID-19 is increasing;

# I, Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., declare the following for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas:

- **Section 1.** Nothing in this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency shall be utilized to interfere with commerce.
- **Section 2.** The hours of a night-time curfew for all persons within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, from this point until further notice, shall be from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.
- **Section 3.** Because the situation is quite fluid, the hours set forth in Section 2 above shall be in full force and effect from Monday, June 1, 2020, to Wednesday, June 10, 2020, unless further modified by a new order.
- **Section 4.** These provisions supplement any provisions contained in a prior Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency issued by my office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and expressly amend Section 2 of Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency 20-03, provided Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency 20-04.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June of May, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Frank Scott, Jr. Mayor

#### ATTESTATION

STATE OF ARKANSAS)

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**COUNTY OF PULASKI)** 

I, Susan Langley, City Clerk for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, do hereby attest and certify that Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., a person known to me, appeared before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2020 and signed the foregoing Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency in my presence, and directed that I file this document in the public records of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

susan Langley

Seal of the City of Little Rock: