



## A DECLARATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY SONORA IMPOSING A CURFEW

- WHEREAS,** On June 3, 2020, the City Council of the City of Sonora (“City Council”) proclaimed a Local Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630 and Sonora Municipal Code section 8.30.050.
- WHEREAS,** California Government Code section 8634 and Sonora Municipal Code section 8.30.060 authorizes the governing body of a political subdivision, or officials designated thereby, to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve public order and safety during a Local Emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** Over recent days protests seen in various cities throughout Northern California have led to civil unrest, rioting, looting, and hundreds of arrests; and
- WHEREAS,** On June 3, 2020, in the City of Sonora (“City”) protests emerged that threaten the safety of City residents and property; and
- WHEREAS,** To safeguard the rights of peaceful assembly and protest, to protect the safety of City residents, property and businesses as well as emergency and law enforcement providers, it is necessary to establish a curfew to quell violence and destruction of property; and
- WHEREAS,** The City Council hereby finds:
- California Government Code section 8634 authorizes the governing body of a political subdivision, or officials designated thereby, to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve public order and safety during a Local Emergency;
  - A curfew is hereby imposed within the City to preserve the public order and safety.
  - It shall be unlawful for any person, other than those set forth herein below, to be upon any public street, avenue, boulevard, place, walkway, alley, or

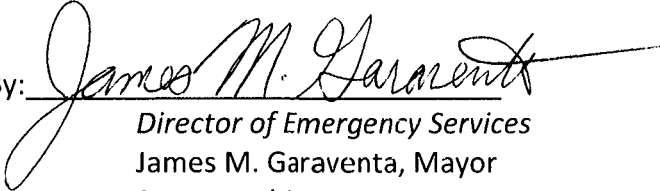
park, or to otherwise be in any public area or unimproved private realty within the City from 8:00 p.m., through 5:00 a.m.

- This Curfew shall take effect on June 3, 2020 commencing at 8:00 p.m. and extending until 5:00 a.m. until the following day. The City may renew, amend, or extend this Curfew Declaration in accordance with California Government Code section 8634 and Sonora Municipal Code Section 8.30.060. The City Council authorizes the Police Chief to renew, amend, or extend this Curfew Declaration to preserve the public order and safety.
- Any violation of this Curfew Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of up to six (6) months in jail, a fine of up to one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or both, as provided by California Government Code section 8665 or any applicable state or municipal law, including but not limited to, Sonora Municipal Code Section 8.30.140.
- This Curfew Declaration shall not apply to: (1) peace officers, firefighters, emergency operations personnel, other government employees engaged in authorized emergency operations, members of the National Guard, or any other responding military personnel deployed to the City; (2) individuals who can establish to the satisfaction of a peace officer that they are in such place for the sole purpose of traveling to their home or workplace or to obtain medical assistance; (3) authorized representatives of any news service, newspaper, radio or television station or network, or other media organization; (4) people experiencing homelessness; or (5) people working in delivery or utility services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED** that a curfew is imposed throughout Sonora.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that said curfew shall be deemed to continue to exist until 5:00am on June 4, 2020.

Dated: June 3, 2020

By:   
*Director of Emergency Services*  
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