

CITY OF ROBBINSDALE, MINNESOTA
MAYORAL DECLARATION NO. 2021-1 DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the City of Robbinsdale, I find as follows:

1. On April 11, 2021, a Brooklyn Center police officer fatally shot a 20-year-old black male after a traffic stop of a car being driven by the black male;
2. As a result of the April 11, 2021 incident, the cities of Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park have experienced civil unrest, including violent and destructive acts that have placed public safety at risk and resulted in significant property damage;
3. On April 12, 2021, Governor Walz announced a one night curfew for the metropolitan area counties and it is up to individual cities to determine whether to continue a curfew;
4. On April 12, 2021 a large number of people were arrested for curfew violation in Brooklyn Center which required assistance from other agencies;
5. The City of Robbinsdale geographically borders both Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center and public safety staff have observed incidents of civil unrest within the City of Robbinsdale;
6. The cities of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, New Hope, Golden Valley and Minneapolis will be continuing the curfew on April 13, 2021 thru April 14, 2021 at 6 a.m.;
7. Emergency management personnel and law enforcement personnel in Robbinsdale expect that violent and destructive acts of civil unrest could continue and could escalate without invocation of certain portions of the City's emergency management plan, as established under Section 900 – Civil Defense in City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the situation is sudden, unforeseen, and could not have been reasonably anticipated and threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Robbinsdale; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that conditions within the City have the potential to worsen quickly and without notice; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the traditional governmental processes are unable to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property of the public, and threatens the provision and delivery of City services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the situation poses the risk of loss of life and property if not immediately addressed;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the above findings, as the Mayor of the City of Robbinsdale pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29, I declare that a Local Emergency exists as of 2:00 p.m. on April 13, 2021. I am therefore imposing a City-wide curfew on all public places in the City of Robbinsdale as of **10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021**. Under state law, this declaration shall last no longer than three days unless extended by and through the consent of the Robbinsdale City Council. This Local Emergency and the city-wide curfew shall be in effect through

This declaration immediately invokes all necessary portions of the City's emergency management plan including, but not limited to, the establishment of a **City-wide curfew for all persons within the City of Robbinsdale from 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 through 6:00 a.m. on April 14, 2021**. The curfew does not extend to people traveling to or from work, emergency services, law enforcement, people seeking emergency medical care or fleeing danger, the homeless and the news media. For purposes of this emergency declaration, "travel" includes, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, or any other mode of transporting a person from one location to another.

For purposes of this emergency declaration, "public place" means any place, whether on privately or publicly owned property, accessible to the general public, including but not limited to public streets and roads, alleys, highways, driveways, sidewalks, parks, vacant lots, and unsupervised property. A violation of this emergency declaration is a misdemeanor offense and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.45.

The declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity.

Dated: April 13, 2021


William A. Blonigan, Mayor