



## PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

**WHEREAS**, during the past several days, unlawful assemblies and riots resulting in looting and destruction of private and public properties have occurred during the evening in the cities of Seattle, Bellevue, Tukwila, and Renton, causing these cities to impose curfews and/or take other actions to protect the public peace, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Mercer Island (City) is concerned that those rioting and looting in nearby cities may consider coming to Mercer Island to do the same; and

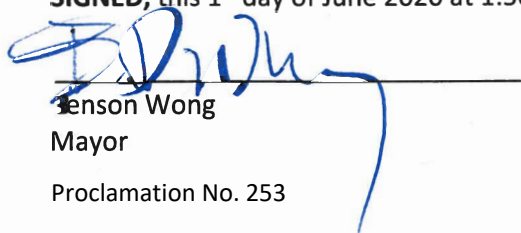
**WHEREAS**, the Mercer Island Police Department has put extra officers on duty, and Washington State Patrol and other partner agencies are on standby, in case rioters and looters come to Mercer Island; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a potential threat of riot and unlawful assembly on Mercer Island that may result in serious injury of persons or the destruction of property to such extent as to require, in the judgment of the Mayor, extraordinary measures to protect the public peace, safety and welfare, especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic in King County;

### **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **Civil Emergency.** A civil emergency, as described in MICC 9.40.010, exists on Mercer Island.
2. **Emergency Powers.** All emergency powers and authority set forth in MICC 9.40.020 are hereby invoked, including without limitation the power to issue orders imposing curfews and requiring business establishments to close to combat the civil emergency.
3. **Curfew Imposed.** A general curfew applicable to Mercer Island as a whole is imposed from **7:00 pm on Monday, June 1, 2020 to 5:00 am on Tuesday, June 2, 2020**. Except for essential critical infrastructure workers under the Governor's Proclamation 20-25, no persons shall enter or remain in the public right-of-way, or in any public parks, or at any other public place during such time.
4. **Business Closures.** All "brick and mortar" storefront business establishments on Mercer Island shall close and remain closed during the following days/times: **7:00 pm on Monday, June 1, 2020 to 5:00 am on Tuesday, June 2, 2020**.
5. **Delivery to Mercer Island community.** A copy of this Proclamation of Civil Emergency shall be delivered to the Mercer Island community via the City's website and social media channels and the City shall utilize such other reasonably available means to give notice of this Proclamation to the public.
6. **Violation – Penalty.** It is a misdemeanor for anyone to fail or refuse to obey any order proclaimed by the Mayor, pursuant to MICC 9.40.040.

**SIGNED**, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2020 at 1:50 pm.

  
Benson Wong  
Mayor  
Proclamation No. 253