



Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
LOCAL EMERGENCY) Declaration of Emergency to Enable
WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND) Police Bureau to Facilitate
DECLARED FOR APRIL 20, 2021) Peaceful Demonstrations

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by police in Minneapolis, Minnesota;
and

WHEREAS, in March and April 2021, Officer Derek Chauvin was put on trial for the death
of Mr. Floyd, with closing arguments ending on April 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the verdict in the trial is likely to result in demonstrations in the City, which
the City anticipates will be peaceful to advance the racial justice movement in the
country. However, at times, criminal activity has sometimes coincided with otherwise
peaceful demonstrations, with the criminal activity seeking to take advantage of the
circumstances created by the peaceful demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, the Police Bureau requires the flexibility to quickly respond to any emergency
situation that might evolve during the course of any demonstrations or criminal activity,
including the possibility of violence; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Portland Police Bureau support demonstrators' rights to
peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights, and an Emergency Declaration will
enable the Police Bureau to effectively facilitate demonstrations by allowing the bureau
to make emergency procurements of food, supplies or other resources, and will allow the
bureau to exercise other flexibility that is only available under an emergency declaration.
Accordingly, I have determined it is in the best interest of the City to declare an
emergency.

THEREFORE, pursuant to my authority under the Portland City Charter, City Code, and any
other applicable law, I hereby Order as follows:

1. **State of Emergency.** A State of Emergency exists within the City of Portland under Portland City Code Section 15.04. The intent of this declaration of emergency is to help the Police Bureau facilitate the peaceful exercise of First Amendment rights, preserve order in the City, and respond to violence as necessary.

2. **Other Provisions.**
 - a. In addition to any other power that may lawfully be exercised by local government, the powers listed in PCC 15.08.020.B are vested in the Mayor, and further delegated to the Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief.

 - b. For the duration of this emergency, unless otherwise specified by the Mayor, the current bureau assignments to the members of the City Council shall remain in effect as delegated authority under PCC 15.08.020.A.

 - c. This State of Emergency shall remain in effect through Noon on April 21, 2021, unless otherwise extended, modified, or terminated.

 - d. If any provision of this Declaration of Emergency, or any Emergency Orders, directives, commands, or other orders issued under the authority of the Declaration, or their application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the duly exercised authority, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of the Declaration of Emergency, or any Emergency Orders, directives, commands, or other orders issued under the authority of the Declaration, are severable.

**DATED THIS 20th day of April, 2021.
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON**

By: 

Ted Wheeler, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Robert Taylor, City Attorney
For Portland, Oregon