



In light of the looting and destruction of property that has occurred across the state in major cities, Governor Abbott has declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Texas, activating the National Guard. Between 120 and 150 National Guard officers in Grand Prairie are available if needed.

Mayor Johnson has signed an emergency declaration giving City Manager Broadnax and Chief Hall authority to institute a curfew beginning this evening from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. The boundaries are Oak Lawn to the north, Riverfront to the west, Corinth to the south, and Peak to the east including downtown, Deep Ellum, the Farmers Market, Cedars, Uptown, and Victory Park. We are working with organizations and partners in these areas to communicate with their residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. Businesses are urged to close at 5 p.m. so all patrons and employees may avoid harm.

[Emergency Declaration & Map of Curfew Boundaries](#)

The City of Dallas and DPD continue to respect and protect the rights of protesters gathering within our city. We are aware of planned peaceful protests and vigils scheduled to begin prior to the curfew including those at the Omni and Freedman's Cemetery at 3 p.m.; Jack Evans Police HQ at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and Klyde Warren Park at 5:30 p.m. DPD will have a presence protecting protesters, residents, and business owners, patrons, and employees; managing traffic; and vigilantly looking to remove or control bricks or anything else which may be used to harm people, vandalize or destroy property, or aid in other criminal mischief.

Business owners and residents are strongly urged not to take matters in to their own hands and to call 9-1-1 if they continue to see violence, destruction of personal property, vandalism, or other criminal mischief. Please take this advice for your safety and the safety of those around you.

We encourage all residents and visitors to be mindful of the curfew and comply to ensure we may continue to keep residents, business owners & employees, peaceful demonstrators, and first responders safe. Residents or employees who live or work in the curfew area should be prepared to show proof of residency or work credentials if they need to travel in or out of the area while curfew is in effect.

Last night over 80 people were arrested for looting and destruction of property. During her press conference today, Chief Hall assured us that arrests are and will continue to be made for anyone inciting violence or destroying property. We all recognize the hurt and pain people of color in our community have experienced and continue to experience and fully recognize the right to peacefully protest. However, anyone who is taking advantage of this movement for their own personal gain and who contribute to the endangerment of our fellow residents or first responders or the destruction of property will be arrested.

I have requested information on the number of people arrested, where they are from

and any other demographic information that is available at this time. Once this information is received, I will be sure to share it with you.

We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and Dallas residents are safest at home and urged to continue exercising personal responsibility and practicing safe social distancing.

You can follow @DallasPD on Twitter for the latest information.

As always, my office is here for you if you need anything. Please feel free to reach out to me or my Council Liaison, Sarah Evans, at sarah.evans@dallascityhall.com.



Jennifer S. Gates

Councilmember District 13

City of Dallas | www.dallascityhall.com

1500 Marilla St 5FS

Dallas, TX 75201

O: (214) 670-3816