

EMERGENCY DECLARATION AUGUST 10, 2020

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood has received credible information that public health and safety have been threatened by roving groups of individuals that have engaged in looting stores and damaging private property in neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, early this morning looters ransacked multiple stores in Downtown Chicago and surrounding areas, resulting in more than 100 arrests, significant property damage, and injuries to first responders; and

WHEREAS, several of the looters in Chicago used vehicles to travel to the area and transport items taken from the stores; and

WHEREAS, the Homewood Police Department has been notified that municipal officials in Lansing and Calumet City have blocked exits to I-80-94, making access to those commercial areas difficult and increasing the likelihood that Halsted Street retail establishments will be targeted; and

WHEREAS, the Halsted Street commercial area is easily accessible from I-80/294 and is home to several large retail establishments that have been targeted in other communities, including Best Buy, Walmart, and Target; and

WHEREAS, the Homewood Police Department and village officials monitoring social media have observed information stating that stores along Halsted Street in Homewood may be threatened; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1-6) authorizes a municipality to grant the mayor or village president extraordinary power to exercise, by executive order, during a state of emergency, such of the powers of the corporate authorities as may be reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 30-1 of the Homewood Municipal Code defines a civil emergency as "A riot or unlawful assembly characterized by the use of actual force or violence or any threat to use force or violence, if accompanied by immediate power to execute such threat by three or more persons acting together without authority of law"; and

WHEREAS, Section 30-2 of the Homewood Municipal Code directs the Village President to declare an emergency by means of a written declaration; and

WHEREAS, Section 30-3 of the Homewood Municipal Code authorizes the Village President to order a general curfew applicable to such geographical areas of the village as he deems advisable, and applicable during such hours of the day or night as he deems necessary in the interest of the public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Chief of Police and other officials, I now deem it appropriate to order an immediate, 24-hour curfew as provided below.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD A. HOFELD, VILLAGE PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MAKE THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY DECLARATION:

1. All of the above prefatory clauses are incorporated herein as if fully restated here.
2. Based upon the facts stated above, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the Village of Homewood.
3. In the interest of public safety and welfare, I hereby order an immediate 24-hour curfew for all retail establishments, retail food establishments, and service providers open to the general public either with business frontage on Halsted Street north of Ridge Road or within 500 feet of Halsted Street and north of Ridge Road within the Village of Homewood.
4. This state of emergency and curfew shall terminate 12:00 noon on August 11, 2020, unless extended or modified by me prior to that time.


Richard A. Hofeld
Village of Homewood

Dated: August 10, 2020

I, Richard A. Hofeld, after being duly sworn, state under oath that I believe the facts stated in this emergency declaration are true.


Richard A. Hofeld
Village of Homewood

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK) SS.

I, Christopher J. Cummings, a notary public for the State of Illinois, certify that Richard A. Hofeld, personally know to me, on August 10, 2020, signed the above Emergency Declaration.



Notary Public

