

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, a local state of emergency in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia was declared on August 12, 2017 due to the threat of civil disobedience, unrest, potential injury to persons and destruction of public and personal property; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of events in the City of Charlottesville on August 12, 2017, there exists an imminent threat of a civil commotion or disturbance in the nature of a riot which constitutes a clear and present danger.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Charlottesville Chief of Police is hereby empowered to regulate, restrict or prohibit any assembly of persons, or the movement of persons or vehicles on any public street, sidewalk, right-of-way, park or other publicly-owned property. Such regulations, restrictions or prohibitions include, but are not limited to, the declaration of a curfew within the City, or designated areas therein, during times designated by the Chief of Police. Such regulations shall continue in effect until such time as the Chief of Police determines, after consultation with the Charlottesville City Manager, that there no longer exists an imminent threat that constitutes a clear and present danger to public safety.

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage.