

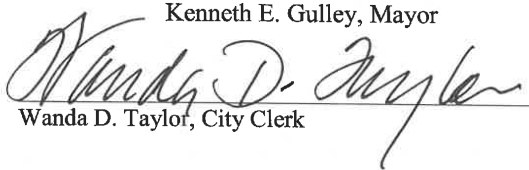
City of Bessemer issued on social media this morning June 1, 2020, and the continuing threat of further rioting that has taken over peaceful protests of the death of George Floyd in many other major cities across the United States over the past week. Such civil unrest threatens the lives, safety, health and welfare and the property of the people of the City.

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor of the City of Bessemer by Sec. 34-5(9) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bessemer, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 1, 2020, no person shall between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day while this order is in effect:
 - a. Hold or participate in any demonstration, parade, march, or vigil, on any of the public ways or upon any public property; and
 - b. Travel upon any public street, alley, or roadway or upon any other public property, except those in search of medical assistance, food, or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their families or some member thereof; those traveling through the City from one location outside of the City to another location outside the City; those returning to one's place of residence or place of employment; or as necessary to comply with legally mandated government purposes, or an order of law enforcement or a court.
2. These restrictions shall apply within the corporate limits of the City of Bessemer.
3. These restrictions shall not apply to such other classes of persons as may be essential to the preservation of public order and immediately necessary to serve the safety, health, and welfare needs of the citizens, including City law enforcement officers, firefighters and other public employees; doctors, nurses, employees of hospitals and other medical facilities; on-duty military personnel whether state or federal; on-duty employees of public utilities, public transportation companies, and newspaper, magazine, radio broadcasting, and television broadcasting corporations.
4. Pursuant to Sec. 34-4 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Bessemer, this proclamation shall be effective for a period of five (5) days unless extended by the City Council of the City of Bessemer.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provisions of any restriction imposed by this proclamation.

6/1/2020
Date

ATTEST:


Kenneth E. Gulley, Mayor


Wanda D. Taylor, City Clerk