

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution ratifying and confirming Civil Emergency Order Establishing Prohibited Items of May 31, 2020.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Mayor of the City of Bellevue signed the Civil Emergency Order Establishing Prohibited Items of May 31, 2020, prohibiting all persons from possessing, transporting, purchasing, furnishing or selling any weapon in the designated downtown area also subject to a curfew, in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Per Bellevue City Code (BCC) 9.22.020, the Order must be presented to the City Council for ratification and confirmation. If not so ratified and confirmed, the Order shall be void.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9764.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25, 2020 has generated anger, outrage, protests, and demonstrations across the United States. In other cities, including Seattle, Portland, Atlanta, Phoenix, New York, Houston, San Jose, Los Angeles, Dallas, and Minneapolis, demonstrations over the killing of George Floyd have turned violent and led to other killings, property destruction, injuries to demonstrators and police officers, and use of force by police officers. Other cities, including Seattle, Portland, St. Paul, Louisville, Milwaukee, Columbus, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Denver declared states of civil emergency and established mandatory curfews. On the evening of May 31, 2020, looting and property damage, assaults on police officers, and other acts of violence occurred in the City of Bellevue, as well as refusals to obey dispersal orders.

On May 31, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Bellevue, pursuant to the authority granted by BCC 9.22.010, determined that extraordinary measures were required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the City's residents and therefore proclaimed that a civil emergency exists within the City of Bellevue. BCC 9.22.020 authorizes the Mayor, during the existence of such proclaimed emergency, to make and proclaim various orders, including such orders as are imminently necessary for the protection of life and property. In the exercise of such authority, on May 31, 2020, the Mayor issued Civil Emergency Order Establishing Prohibited Items.

BCC 9.22.020 requires that the Civil Emergency Order Establishing Prohibited Items be presented to the City Council for ratification and confirmation at the earliest practical time. If the Order is not so ratified and confirmed, it shall be void.

This Resolution, if adopted, would ratify and confirm the Civil Emergency Order Establishing Prohibited Items of May 31, 2020.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

The Civil Emergency Order Establishing Prohibited Items of May 31, 2020 was issued for the purpose of protecting life and property in the City of Bellevue.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution ratifying and confirming Civil Emergency Order Establishing Prohibited Items of May 31, 2020.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution, which will result in the Civil Emergency Order Establishing Prohibited Items being void.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

Proposed Ordinance No. 9764

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A