

Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency 20-08

December 29, 2020

CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Office of the Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO AMEND THE LITTLE ROCK EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF AUGUST 21, 2020 TO DECLARE CERTAIN ACTIVITIES A HAZARDOUS OR PHYSICALLY OFFENSIVE CONDITION, AND TO PROHIBIT THE CARAVANNING OF VEHICLES, OR DRAG RACING WITHIN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

I, Frank Scott, Jr., duly elected and serving Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the chief executive officer of the City, having already declared a local disaster emergency as a result of COVID-19 previously declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, a national state of emergency by President Donald J. Trump, and a disaster emergency within the State of Arkansas by Governor Asa Hutchinson in Executive Order 20-03, as amended or enhanced in other Executive Orders; and having declared a local disaster emergency pursuant to Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency 20-07 on August 21, 2020, state:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact citizens of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, notwithstanding the fact that two vaccines have been granted emergency authorization by the U. S. Food & Drug Administration; and,

WHEREAS, a recent surge in infections, and deaths, has been noted as well as statements by public officials that if various activities continue there could be a new surge upon the surge; and,

WHEREAS, social distancing is critical to limit or control the spread of the virus, and activities which engage multiple people in activities either as participants or as spectators are particularly dangerous; and,

WHEREAS, car caravanning has increased again as well as drag racing, and congregation and malicious mischief on parking lots of closed businesses which not only attract people, but also distract emergency service workers from various priorities in order to address these issues

I, Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., declare the following for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas:

Section 1. Nothing in this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency shall be utilized to interfere with commerce.

Section 2. From this date forward until further notice, any group of five (5) or more vehicles traveling together, also referred to as a caravan or caravanning, shall not travel to a location within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, with the intention of exiting these vehicles for recreational purposes, or purposes other than employment, medical visits, or grocery shopping; provided this prohibition does not apply to any funeral procession that is orderly, separated, and under the direction or control of a law enforcement officer.

Section 3. From this date forward until further notice, drag racing, either as a participant or as an observer, as defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 27-50-309 is strictly prohibited and will be enforced; further, for the time period in which this Declaration of Local Emergency is in effect, the City shall be deemed to maintain parking lots and other paved or unpaved surfaces which belong to private businesses for purposes of the definition of “public highway,” as set forth in § 27-50-309 if the owner or holder of the lease estate, or person or entity under a management or other agreement for the space, has done the following: (a) Posted a visible sign that says that access to the surface is forbidden at all hours when the business is not in operation; (b) Has provided a verified written statement to the Little Rock Chief of Police, or his designee, that such signage is in place, and that the City is to act as a special maintainer of the surfaces during the time period covered by this Declaration of Local Emergency; and, (c) has provided written authority to City to prohibit unsafe or driving actions such as using skid marks to draw circles, or other shapes, on the surface after business hours during the effective dates of this Declaration of Local Emergency.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Frank Scott, Jr. Mayor


ATTESTATION

STATE OF ARKANSAS)

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COUNTY OF PULASKI)

I, Susan Langley, City Clerk for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, do hereby attest and certify that Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., a person known to me, appeared before me this 29th day of December 2020 and signed the foregoing Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency in my presence, and directed that I file this document in the public records of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.



Susan Langley
City Clerk

Seal of the City of Little Rock:

