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(Omaha, NE) - Mayor Jean Stothert has signed an Emergency Order reinstating a citywide curfew Friday and Saturday nights, June 5 and 6. The curfew will be in effect from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The Mayor's action is based on a recommendation from Police Chief Todd Schmaderer.

At a news conference Wednesday, Chief Schmaderer said he would recommend reinstatement if information about planned weekend events warranted additional safety precautions.

OPD is currently aware of 5 events planned for Friday and a large gathering on Saturday with 4,000 participants expected.

"This is unfortunate but necessary," said Mayor Jean Stothert. "We will continue to encourage and support peaceful protests, but we must also take proactive steps to reduce risks to everyone; the participants, the public and first responders."

"We don't make this recommendation lightly," said Chief Schmaderer. "We are very conscious of the pressure these restrictions put on our city."

On Sunday, May 31, Mayor Stothert signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency in the City of Omaha for 72 hours, and an Emergency Order which included a curfew that went into effect Sunday night at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2, the Omaha City Council extended the State of Emergency Proclamation for an additional week.

Wednesday, June 3, Mayor Stothert rescinded the curfew, cautioning she would reinstate it if Chief Schmaderer believes there is a risk to public safety.

The Emergency Order signed and issued today says, "based upon information gathered by the Omaha Police Department, it is anticipated that there is a strong possibility of civil unrest, violence, destruction of property, and the potential for criminal behavior starting the night of Friday June 5, 2020 to the morning of Sunday June 7, 2020....the Chief of Police has recommended that a curfew be reinstated starting the night of Friday, June 5, 2020 to the morning of Sunday, June 7, 2020.

The Omaha Municipal Code authorizes the Mayor to issue orders, including curfews, when a State of Emergency has been declared.