Costa Mesa has issued a citywide curfew beginning tonight at 7 p.m until 5:30 a.m.

The Costa Mesa City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison has issued a curfew for today, Monday, June 1, 2020, that begin at 7:00 p.m. PST and end Tuesday, June 2, at 5:30 a.m. PST.

This order is in response to recent civil unrest in the region and bordering cities that could potentially affect the City of Costa Mesa. CMPD is aware of social media posts supporting vandalism and looting in the city.

“The City of Costa Mesa supports the public’s right to peaceably assemble and hold non-violent demonstrations outside the curfew hours. Vandalism, rioting, and looting; however, will not be tolerated and those engaging in criminal acts will be subject to arrest,” said Police Chief Bryan Glass.

During the curfew, all persons are prohibited from traveling on public streets, alleys, parks, or any public place. Traveling for purposes that include seeking emergency care, going to and from work, religious services, seeking or giving emergency care are exempt. All law enforcement, fire and medical personnel, as well as other personnel authorized by the CMPD and credentialed members of the armed services, are also exempt.

“We are aware of a flier that is circulating on social media regarding a protest being planned in Costa Mesa,” Mayor Katrina Foley said. “I have complete confidence that our Police Department will be ready as always to keep our residents and businesses safe as we maneuver through these troubling times.“

At the beginning of the 7:00 p.m. curfew, the following Costa Mesa streets will be closed until deemed safe to reopen:

- Sunflower Avenue will be closed between Bear and Bristol Streets
- Bear will be closed between Sunflower Avenue and Paularino Avenue
- Southbound Bristol Street between Sunflower Avenue and the 405 Freeway
- South Coast Drive between Bear Street and the 405 Freeway off ramp
- Plaza Drive at Sunflower Avenue

The CMPD is working closely with its law enforcement partners, is fully staffed to enforce the curfew, and actively patrolling the city to ensure the safety of the city and residents. CMPD asks that residents report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number, at (714) 754-5252.