



# COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 1.0 STATE OF EMERGENCY

A state of emergency shall be deemed to exist within the city whenever, during times of great public crisis, disaster, rioting, civil disturbance or catastrophe, or for any other reason, municipal public safety authorities are unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives, safety, health, welfare or property. The Chief of Police, his designee shall notify the City Manager, who in turn will notify Mayor and City Council of the existence of an emergency situation.

The Mayor is authorized and empowered by City of Columbia Municipal Codes to issue a public proclamation declaring a state of emergency.

## 2.0 IMPOSING A CURFEW

To protect the lives, safety and property of the citizens, the Mayor may impose a curfew during a declared state of emergency. The curfew will be applicable only during specified times and may apply to specific areas of the City or all persons within the City limits.

## 3.0 CURFEW RESTRICTIONS

Per City of Columbia Code of Ordinances 7-32 once a curfew has been established, citizens subject to the curfew may not:

- Be or travel upon any public street, alley or roadway or upon public property unless such travel is necessary to obtain medical assistance;
- Possess off one's own premises, buy, sell, give away or otherwise transfer or dispose of any explosives, firearms, ammunition or dangerous weapon of any kind;
- Sell beer, wine or intoxicating beverages of any kind; or possess or consume beer, wine or intoxicating beverages off one's own premises; or
- Sell gasoline or any other similar petroleum products or any other combustible or inflammable substances except as expressly authorized by the provisions of the curfew imposed.

#### **4.0 EXEMPT PERSONS**

The Mayor may exempt police officers, firefighters, doctors, nurses and such other classes of persons designated as essential to the preservation of public order, safety, health, and welfare of the City.