

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 15, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Angela Carmon, City Attorney

Council Action Requested:

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 Entitled “Civil Defense” Regarding Curfews and State of Emergency Proclamations

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

Following the Weaver Plant fire, staff in the legal department was asked to evaluate the city’s ordinance detailing the requirements for declaring a state of emergency. Based upon concerns expressed regarding the process, the attached ordinance proposes two amendments:

1. The first proposed ordinance amendment would require city staff to consult with the council member of the ward(s), if the circumstances threatening lives or property damage are isolated to a ward(s), and the mayor regarding the emergency circumstances to determine the necessity for a state of emergency proclamation. The amendment, if adopted, would require staff, irrespective of the opinion of staff, to consult with the council member of the ward(s) under the circumstances described, and the mayor about emergency situations that may warrant an emergency declaration.

2. The second proposed amendment would require the mayor, where possible, to update city council within 24 hours of a state of emergency proclamation.

Committee Action:

Committee	PS May 8, 2023	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks: