

# **THIRD AMENDED CURFEW ORDER**

(Pursuant to Santee Municipal Code section 2.32.120)

On March 18, 2020, in accordance with Santee Municipal Code Chapter 2.32, the Santee Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 25, 2020, the Santee City Council ratified the Director's proclamation, and declared a local emergency regarding COVID-19.

Pursuant to Santee Municipal Code section 2.32.120, during this local emergency, the Director, or the Director's designee, may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within the City of Santee, or portions thereof, where necessary to preserve the public order and safety.

On May 30, 2020, large public gatherings in violation of public health orders and significant rioting and looting occurred in the City of La Mesa and was threatened in other areas of San Diego County.

The rioting and looting has led to large crowds and actions that are inconsistent with existing public health orders related to the current COVID-19 local emergency, have placed the public and law enforcement at an increased health risk, and have also threatened public safety and property. In addition, rioting and looting presents significant risks to public safety and property.

On May 31, 2020, based on these risks to public health and safety, the Director proclaimed a local emergency due to these large public gatherings, and issued a curfew order in accordance with Santee Municipal Code section 2.32.120 related to both the COVID-19 local emergency and the local emergency created by these large public gatherings. The cities of Poway, La Mesa, El Cajon and Lemon Grove also issued curfew orders, and the County of San Diego issued a curfew order for portions of the unincorporated area of the east County.

During the evening of May 31, 2020, the downtown area of the City of San Diego experienced large public gatherings in violation of public health orders and looting of businesses. Two large gatherings in violation of public health orders also occurred in the Town Center area of the City of Santee, and created threats to public safety and property, but the existence of the curfew assisted in the safe and peaceful response to these large gatherings, which response

dispersed large crowds that were not practicing social distancing, threatened public health and safety and were acting in a manner inconsistent with existing public health orders.

During the evening of June 1, 2020, two large gatherings in violation of public health orders occurred again in the Town Center area of the City of Santee, and again created threats to public safety and property. A man and a woman were arrested by law enforcement after it was reported that the woman pointed a gun at members of one of the gathered groups. Some physical altercations were also reported. The existence of the curfew assisted in the safe and peaceful response to these events.

During the evening of June 2, 2020, two large gatherings in violation of public health orders occurred again in the Town Center area of the City of Santee, and again created threats to public safety and property. Three arrests were made. The existence of the curfew assisted in the safe and peaceful response to these events.

Based on credible information, the City believes that such large gatherings will occur or are in fact occurring tonight in the City, with credible threats to public health and safety.

Therefore, in accordance with Santee Municipal Code section 2.32.120, it shall be unlawful for any person to travel or be upon a public street, sidewalk, or public place within the portion of the City of Santee designated in this Curfew Order during the dates and hours designated below, unless exempt for the reasons set forth below. For purposes of this Curfew Order, "travel" includes, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit.

This Curfew is in effect from June 3, 2020 at 7:45 p.m. until June 4, 2020 at 6 a.m. This Curfew applies to the portions of the City of Santee located to the west of Magnolia Avenue (including all of Magnolia Avenue itself) to the westerly boundary of the City of Santee.

Exemptions: All law enforcement, fire, medical personnel, City officials or City personnel on City business, and members of the news media are exempt from this Curfew. Individuals traveling directly to and from work, seeking emergency care, fleeing dangerous circumstances, or experiencing homelessness are also exempt.

Date: June 3, 2020

Time: 7:40 pm

Marlene A. Best

Director of Emergency Services

City of Santee

**VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE, OR BY IMPRISONMENT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS, OR BOTH, PURSUANT TO SANTEE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.32.140**