

**PROCLAMATION 21-1 OF MAYOR JOHN ANTARAMIAN
ISSUING EMERGENCY ORDERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha recognizes the First Amendment value of peaceful protests; and,

WHEREAS, violence, arson, and vandalism cannot be tolerated; and,

WHEREAS, on January 4th, 2021, the Common Council for the City of Kenosha unanimously passed Resolution 3-21, the provisions of which are incorporated herein, and which granted, for my “personal exercise only, the authority vested in the Common Council for the City of Kenosha pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §§ 323.11 and 323.14, and any common law emergency authority the Common Council for the City of Kenosha has,” beginning “immediately following the Kenosha County District Attorney making his charging decision public in regard to an officer involved incident with Mr. Jacob Blake;” and,

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County District Attorney has now released his charging decision to the public; and,

WHEREAS, when the people of the City of Kenosha are faced with danger, it is the constitutional obligation of its Government to protect them; and,

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Chief of Police for the City of Kenosha, I have decided to take action to protect the people of the City of Kenosha.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Common Council for the City of Kenosha Resolution 3-21, Wisconsin Statutes §§ 323.11 and 323.14, and the Kenosha County District Attorney releasing his charging decision to the public, the City of Kenosha is in a state of emergency.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, pursuant to the authority of Common Council for the City of Kenosha Resolution 3-21, Wisconsin Statutes §§ 323.11 and 323.14, and any common law emergency authority of my office, and for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Kenosha, I find that vehicular traffic is unnecessary on certain roads and order that:

No person may cause any Vehicle to be operated on any Prohibited Roads at any time from

January 5, 2021, at 4:00 P.M. until the evening of January 10, 2021, at 11:59 P.M., unless an Exception applies.

As used in this order, the following words and phrases have the following definitions:

“*Vehicle*” is defined as it is under Wisconsin Statute § 939.22(44), “Vehicle’ means any self-propelled device for moving persons or property or pulling implements from one place to another, whether such device is operated on land, rails, water, or in the air. ‘Vehicle’ does not include a personal delivery device, as defined in s. 340.01 (43fg).”

“*Prohibited Roads*” are Sheridan Road from 52nd Street to 60th Street, within the City of Kenosha; 53rd Street, 54th Street, 55th Street, and 56th Street each, from Sheridan Road, west to the Metra tracks.

“*Operate*” is defined as it is under Wisconsin Statute § 346.63(3)(b), “Operate’ means the physical manipulation or activation of any of the controls of a motor vehicle necessary to put it in motion.”

Exceptions. The following may cause Vehicles to be operated on Prohibited Roads:

1. Law enforcement personnel employed by the federal government, any state, or any county, municipality, or other local government. The term “law enforcement personnel” includes, but is not limited to, the City of Kenosha Police Department or that of another jurisdiction, the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department or that of another jurisdiction, Kenosha Joint Services or a comparable organization from another jurisdiction, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, members of the Wisconsin National Guard, the National Guards of other states, any federal military assistance, those working at jails or other correctional institutions, any individual, group, or agency deputized by law enforcement, and those working at comparable organizations to those listed herein. The term “law enforcement personnel” expressly does not include members of any private militia, or otherwise armed organizations, or other persons or groups acting to secure the City of Kenosha on their own.

2. Fire Department personnel, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, or other first responders employed by or otherwise formally hired or affiliated with the federal government, any state, or any county, municipality, or other local government, while performing their duties.

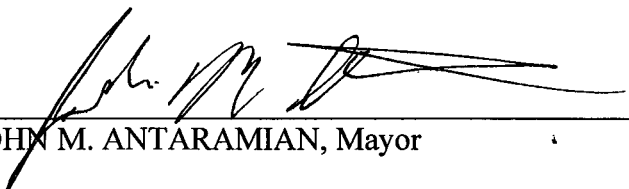
3. The governing officials of the City of Kenosha or County of Kenosha, at all times, and employees of either the City of Kenosha or County of Kenosha when they have a clear work-related need to be present.

4. Those who are traveling to the Metra train station to use the services of the Metra train station or to pick up, upon arrival, those who had used the services of the Metra train station.

Persons violating this order are subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 323.28.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, this Proclamation is to be immediately published on the City of Kenosha's website, social media pages, and otherwise provided to news outlets.

Ordered this 5 day of January, 2021.



JOHN M. ANTARAMIAN, Mayor

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