

BOROUGH OF LAVALLETTE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Proclamation of Local Emergency

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. 9:40.5, municipal emergency management coordinators are empowered to proclaim a local disaster emergency and to enforce such orders as may be necessary to implement and carry out emergency management operations and to protect the health, safety, and resources of the general public; and

WHEREAS, between late May and early June, the Township of Toms River has observed an increase in juveniles congregating on public property, particularly at the oceanfront and Bayfront sections of their town (bordering Lavallette on both the north and south sides), and engaging in disruptive and destructive behavior, resulting in that town enacting a 10:00 pm curfew for juveniles; and,

WHEREAS, several municipalities in Monmouth and Ocean Counties had recently been confronted with "pop up parties" (spontaneously announced large gatherings with no formal organization that encourage drug use, alcoholic beverage consumption, criminal mischief, and violence) that have been announced, and in some cases materialized;

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Police Department and other Borough officials, the Lavallette Office of Emergency Management has determined that these incidents warrant the imposition of a limited curfew in the Borough of Lavallette upon juveniles who are unaccompanied by an adult:

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO the statutory powers conferred upon me as the duly-appointed Emergency Management Coordinator of the Borough of Lavallette, I hereby declare as follows:

1. Effective Friday, May 25, 2024 all persons 17 years of age and under are prohibited to be upon a public street, avenue, boulevard, place, walkway, alley, park, parking lot, beach, pier, or any public area or unimproved private property located in the Borough of Lavallette between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless accompanied by the juvenile's parents or guardian, or engaged in or traveling to or from a business occupation, engaged in an errand involving a medical emergency, attendance at an extracurricular school activity, or an activity sponsored by a religious or community based organization. It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on any public street or in any public place during those hours.
2. The Lavallette Police Department is charged with enforcement of this order.
3. Penalties for violations of this order may be imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. A:9-49 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-50.
4. The curfew imposed pursuant to this order shall remain in effect until Monday, September 2, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief C. LaCicero", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christian LaCicero
Lavallette Emergency Management Coordinator
Chief of Police - Lavallette Police Department

Date: May 17, 2024