

STATEMENT

Below is a statement issued by City Manager Teresa Wilson regarding actions taken during the City Council Emergency Meeting held on July 9, 2015.

In an effort to operate with an abundance of caution, I, along with Chief Holbrook, the Columbia Police Department's Command staff and members of my executive management team, have taken steps to outline additional public safety procedures that will be in place effective July 10, 2015. This timing is pertinent due to pending scheduled and unscheduled events on the State House grounds. Our City of Columbia jurisdiction has been and continues to be impacted by the various rallies, protests and public gatherings that have been taking place at our state's capitol. The effective and efficient operations that all of the state and local public safety personnel have executed are due largely to a collaborative and cohesive team effort. As city officials, one of our primary concerns is the safety of our citizens and visitors to our city. We will continue to monitor the situation and support the Columbia Police Department with taking appropriate measures to ensure public safety. The emergency ordinance and the street closings are some of those measures and we will move forward accordingly. We ask that all citizens and visitors demonstrate civility during this time and moving forward.

Columbia City Manager Teresa Wilson