



SUBJECT: <b>Closure of Performance and Convention Venues During States of Emergency</b>	E. O. No. <b>1-22</b>
	Effective Date <b>UPON APPROVAL</b>

**1.0 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Executive Order is to promote public safety and minimize confusion immediately prior to, during and following an emergency event in and around the performance and convention venues in the City of Houston.

**2. SCOPE**

This Executive Order shall apply to performance and convention venues in the City of Houston, including, but not limited to, the Wortham Theater Center, the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, the Jesse H. Jones Hall, the Miller Outdoor Theatre, and the George R. Brown Convention Center after a declaration of a state of emergency by the Mayor of the City of Houston, the Governor of the State of Texas, or the President of the United States.

**3. CLOSURE OF PERFORMANCE AND CONVENTION VENUES**

It is the City's policy to protect the public from potential dangers that may arise immediately prior to, during and following an emergency event, such as a natural or man-made disaster. An emergency event may render areas of the city without electric power and operational traffic control devices and leave streets and thoroughfares impassible. Under these circumstances, the City's law enforcement agencies are tasked with the responsibility for recovery efforts and are not available to provide additional law enforcement services to the performance and convention venues. After consultation with emergency response and law enforcement personnel, upon the determination by the Mayor, some or all of the City's performance and convention venues shall be closed during the pendency of the emergency event. *Such closure announced by the Mayor shall have the effect of triggering any applicable Force Majeure provisions in any City contracts involving the City's entertainment and convention venues.*

**4. COMPLIANCE**

All employees in affected departments shall cooperate and comply with this Executive Order.

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