

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-035

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY MANAGER IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES RELATING TO THE THREAT TO COMMUNITY HEALTH POSED BY COVID-19

WHEREAS, beginning on March 2, 2020, and continuing to the present, existence or threatened existence of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within City of Santa Rosa, caused by two presumptive positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as confirmed by the County of Sonoma Department of Health Services (County DHS); and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among state and local health departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the County DHS confirmed it anticipates additional cases in Sonoma County from non-travel, community transmission due to the increase of these cases in the country, combined with the worldwide uncontrolled spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Sonoma County Health Officer and the County of Sonoma Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Health Emergency due to the potential introduction of COVID-19 in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City caused by the threat of COVID-19 that will impact significant City and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and which will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency to enable the City of Santa Rosa and other local government entities to adequately plan, prepare and preposition resources to be able to effectively respond to the threat posed by COVID-19, and to warn City of Santa Rosa residents and visitors of the threat posed by COVID-19 and to enable them sufficient time to plan and prepare; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-24.04 of the Santa Rosa City Code designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-24.050 of the Santa Rosa City Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of local emergency in the City of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-24.050 states that the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation of the Director of Emergency Services within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby ratifies the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services, dated March 2, 2020, attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that the local emergency shall remain in effect until such time that the Council determines that the emergency conditions have been abated.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 3rd day of March, 2020.

AYES: (7) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: Stephanie A. Williams
City Clerk

APPROVED: Isaac
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sue Ollaph
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Proclamation of the Existence of Local Emergency dated March 2, 2020

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, California Government Code sections 8558 and 8630 empower the City of Santa Rosa to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City's territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2-24.050 of the Santa Rosa City Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City, and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2-24.040 of the Santa Rosa City Code designates the City Manager to be the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the County of Sonoma Department of Health Services (County DHS) confirmed two presumptive positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Sonoma County;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the County DHS confirmed that it anticipates additional cases in Sonoma County from non-travel, community transmission due to the increase of these cases in the country, combined with the worldwide uncontrolled spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, at or about 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2020, the Sonoma County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101080 due to the potential introduction of COVID-19 in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, at or about 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2020, the County of Sonoma Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Emergency due to the threat of COVID-19 in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Santa Rosa does hereby find:

1. The United States of America has confirmed cases of individuals who have a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus ("COVID-19" or "the virus") first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China ("China"). The virus was first reported in China on December 31, 2019. As of March 2, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") has reported more than 3,000 deaths stemming from approximately 89,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and the virus is present in 67 countries. The number of confirmed cases has continued to escalate dramatically over a short period of time; and
2. WHO officials now report that sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus is occurring. Transmission from asymptomatic individuals has been documented. Suspected community transmission of the virus is occurring in the United States.

Although the majority of individuals infected with COVID-19 recover from the disease without special treatment, there is significant potential for serious infection and death; and

3. On January 30, 2020, WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States of America; and
4. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among state and local health departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and
5. The County's Public Health Officer has found that the conditions constituting a threat to community health, including a presumptive case of community infection, may be present in the County warranting a proclamation of a Local Health Emergency; and
6. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City caused by the threat of COVID-19 that will impact significant City and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and which will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services; and
7. The aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency to enable the City of Santa Rosa and other local government entities to adequately plan, prepare and preposition resources to be able to effectively respond to the threat posed by COVID-19, and to warn City of Santa Rosa residents and visitors of the threat posed by COVID-19 and to enable them sufficient time to plan and prepare; and
8. At the time of this Proclamation, the City Council is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session).

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists throughout the City of Santa Rosa, commencing on or about the time and date of the signature of the Director of Emergency Services below.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Santa Rosa's Emergency Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Proclamation shall remain in effect for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the City Council.

IT IS REQUESTED that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of Emergency due to the threat posed by COVID-19 in the State of California; include the City of

Santa Rosa in any emergency declaration by the State; ensure the City of Santa Rosa is included in any emergency declaration that may be issued by the President of the United States of America; waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; and make available California Disaster Act and State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program funding.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at 10:55 p.m. this 2 of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and strokes, positioned above a horizontal line.

Sean McGlynn
Director of Emergency Services