

EXTENSION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HOMELESS EMERGENCY

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Council formally recognized a homelessness emergency

- 1) Declared a homeless shelter crisis.
- 2) Proclaimed a local homeless emergency.
- 3) Directed the Mayor to submit a letter requesting for a gubernatorial state of emergency proclamation.

Local Homeless Emergency

- The declarations have given the City increased financial and land use flexibility to address the homeless crisis.
- For example, increasing shelter bed capacity at Samuel L Jones Hall, expanding services at Homeless Services Center, and allowing for provision of services on private property through the CHAP program.

Local Homeless Emergency

- Government Code Section 8630, as recently amended, requires that the Council review the need for continuing the local homeless emergency at least every 60 days until such local emergency is terminated.

Council Extensions

- Local homeless emergency continues to exist.
- Council has approved an extension of the declaration of local homeless emergency on a monthly basis since the original proclamation in August 2016.
- 55th extension.

Recommendation

- It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that the Council, by resolution, approve an extension of Resolution No. 28839 which formally proclaimed a local homeless emergency within Santa Rosa.