



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 10, 2017

To: Mayor Coursey and Members of the Council

From: Sean McGlynn, City Manager
Sue Gallagher, City Attorney

Subject: Ratification Of Proclamation Of Local Emergency

In the early hours of October 9, 2017, several wildfires, fueled by strong winds, moved into the City of Santa Rosa, and quickly engulfed portions of the Fountaingrove area in the northeast portion of the City. The fire rapidly spread southwest, crossing US 101 and engaging homes and businesses along Hopper Avenue and Mendocino Avenue. As the morning progressed, the fires reached into neighborhoods spanning from Fulton Road on the west, to Calistoga Road on the east, and reaching as far south as Russell Avenue. At 3:17 a.m. the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services, issued a Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency, pursuant to City Code Section 2-24-050(A)(1). Section 2-24-030 provides that unless the City Council takes action to ratify the Proclamation, the Proclamation will expire after seven days.

The conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property continue to exist within the City as a result of the fires and resulting damage and destruction. Additional fires, moving in from the southeast now have reached far into Annadel State Park and threaten the Oakmont community and surrounding neighborhoods. At the time of this report, the fires have consumed more than 30,000 acres, lives have been lost, thousands of residents have been evacuated, hundreds of structures have been

damaged or destroyed, tens of thousands of residents remain without power, and infrastructure in affected neighborhoods has been significantly compromised. The Proclamation provides the City additional authority and flexibility to address those emergency conditions.

The City Manager and City Attorney recommend that the Council, by resolution, ratify the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency so as to allow for the continuation of the Proclamation and its authorizations until such time as the Council determines that the emergency conditions have been abated.

Attached: Resolution
 Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency