

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: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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