

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, Section 2-24.050 of the Santa Rosa City Code empowers 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, Section 2-24.040(A) of the Santa Rosa City Code mandates that the City Manager shall be the Director of Emergency Services; and

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

1. That at the time of this proclamation, the City Council of the City of Santa Rosa is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session).
2. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City caused by (1) electric utility Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) suspension of the provision of electricity to a significant portion of the City due to high wind speeds, low humidity, and high temperature conditions that increase the risk of wildfire to the City, and by (2) the Kincadee wildfire and severe winds that is causing the spread of that fire and possible creation of new fires due to the severe conditions. This has impacted many tens of thousands of PG&E customers within the City and the immediate surrounding areas. The de-energization and spread of wildfire will last an indefinite period, and significantly impact the health and safety of City residents as well as critical public services and infrastructure. Conditions require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services notwithstanding impaired response capability. The City may need to promulgate emergency orders and regulations to facilitate the maintenance of order and reduction in potential loss of life and property.
3. These conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency, so as to enable the City and other local government entities in the affected region to adequately plan, prepare and pre-position resources to enable effective response to the de-energization of the electrical system and spread of wildfire, and to warn City residents and visitors to enable them sufficient time to plan and prepare.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the City of Santa Rosa.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by 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 thereafter 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 de-energization of the electrical systems and spread of wildfire, waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, and make available California Disaster Assistance Act funding.

Date and time: 10/27/19 6:03AM



Director of Emergency Services
City of Santa Rosa