

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 City Manager is currently outside City jurisdiction and has appointed Assistant City Manager Jason Nutt to be Acting City Manager in his absence, an appointment that includes full responsibility to serve as Acting Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the Acting 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 a rapidly expanding fire (now identified as the Shady Fire), located northeast of Santa Rosa near the Napa and Sonoma County line, threatening hundreds of homes in eastern Santa Rosa, and requiring, even at this initial stage, the evacuation of thousands of households. At this time, the fire is 0% contained and has the potential to significantly threaten the life, health and safety of City residents as well as critical public services and infrastructure. Conditions are or are likely to be beyond the capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City alone and to require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The City is likely to require emergency orders and regulations to facilitate the maintenance of order and the 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 respond, engage firefighting resources, evacuate threatened residents and visitors and prepare and pre-position additional resources to enable effective response to the expanding fire.


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 shall be terminated unless ratified and extended by the City Council.

IT IS REQUESTED that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of Emergency due to this and other wildfires in the region, waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, and make available California Disaster Assistance Act funding.

Date and time: AUGUST 27, 2020



Acting Director of Emergency Services
City of Santa Rosa