

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-157

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE ACTING CITY MANAGER IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, in the evening hours of September 27, 2020, the Shady Fire, a spot fire believed to have been triggered by embers from the larger Glass Fire burning in Napa County, began a rapid descent into Sonoma County from northeast of Santa Rosa near the Napa and Sonoma County line, entering into the city limits of the City of Santa Rosa within just a few hours, destroying numerous homes in eastern Santa Rosa, threatening hundreds of additional homes and business, and requiring the evacuation of tens of thousands of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Shady Fire continues without containment, continuing to pose an imminent threat to the health and safety of City residents and visitors and to the security of homes and business in the community; and

WHEREAS, for reference purposes, the Shady Fire is now included as a component of the larger Glass Fire incident; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-24.04 of the Santa Rosa City Code designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, as the Shady Fire began to threaten the City of Santa Rosa, the City Manager was outside the City jurisdiction and had appointed Assistant City Manager Jason Nutt to be Acting City Manager in his absence, an appointment that included full responsibility to serve as Acting 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 September 27, 2020, Jason Nutt, Acting 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 of its issuance, or the proclamation shall thereafter 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 Acting Director of Emergency Services, dated September 27, 2020, attached as Exhibit A to this resolution and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that the local emergency shall be in effect until such time that the Council determines that the emergency conditions have been abated.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 29th day of September, 2020.

AYES: (7) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Exhibit A – Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency dated September 27, 2020