

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-202

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE 2020 GLASS FIRE

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 (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 and entered 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, ultimately, the Glass Fire raged for more than three weeks, burned 67,494 acres and, in Sonoma County alone, destroyed 235 single-family residences and damaged or destroyed 368 more structures, and for days posed 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, 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 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, on September 29, 2020, the Council adopted Resolution RES-2020-157 ratifying the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Council has regularly extended the Proclamation as required and allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, after a year of dedicated City and community efforts, the initial impacts of the Glass Fire have now been largely resolved; and

WHEREAS, although City residents are still engaged in the recovery and rebuilding process, staff finds that the extraordinary powers and procedures available under the emergency proclamations are no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that circumstances as described in the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency dated September 27, 2020, no longer exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa terminates the Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency relating to the 2020 Glass Fire and ratified by the Council on September 29, 2020, as Resolution RES-2020-157, effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 16th day of November, 2021.

AYES: (6) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Sawyer, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Fleming

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney