

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-010

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CORONA RATIFYING AND EXTENDING THE
PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY
SERVICES REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19) PANDEMIC PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 8630**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630 authorizes the City Council and/or a City official designated by ordinance to proclaim the existence of a “local emergency”; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8558 (c) defines a “local emergency” to include “conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a County, City and County, or City, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor’s warning of an earthquake, or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which conditions are likely to go beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat”; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.52.110 of the Corona Municipal Code (“CMC”) authorizes 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 2.52.090 of the Corona Municipal Code designates the Fire Chief as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California, as authorized by Government Code sections 8558(b) 8625(c), as a result of the spread of a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as part of his proclamation, the Governor has waived the requirement in Government Code section 8630, which requires a local governing authority to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days, for the duration of the statewide emergency, and further, has ordered that any local emergency that is proclaimed will remain in effect until each local governing authority terminates its respective local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020 the Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of a Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) in Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Riverside County proclaimed a local emergency due to the threat of COVID-19 in Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic based upon the alarming levels of spread and severity of COVID-19, and by the alarming levels of inaction; 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 City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing conditions, at 3:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020, when the City Council of the City of Corona was not in session, the Fire Chief, in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services and pursuant to authority granted by CMC Section 2.52.110, declared a local emergency in the City of Corona; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Director was empowered to use reasonable City resources for the preservation of life and property to reduce the effects of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Director has reviewed the emergency conditions necessitating the proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency on March 16, 2020 and has determined that these conditions still exist; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(b) and Corona Municipal Code Section 2.52.110(A), whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the Emergency Services Director, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the City Council of the City of Corona, California, that a local emergency did and continues to exist within the City and that the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency by the Emergency Services Director on March 16, 2020 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Services Director's declaration of a local emergency be renewed and extended and that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Corona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency, the Fire Chief, in his capacity as Emergency Services Director, is hereby authorized and directed to take any necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety in the City of Corona and is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Corona for the purpose of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency, the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take any action and execute any documents as prescribed by federal, state or local law and as necessary to address and combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including, without limitation, the emergency powers described in CMC Section 3.08.130.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March 2020.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Corona, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day March 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 18th day of March 2020.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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