

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE FINDING THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF CONDITIONS OF EXTREME PERIL AND CONTINUING THE PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Section 8.08.210 of Chapter 8.08 of Title 8 of the San José Municipal Code empowers the Director of the Emergency Services (City Manager or Designee) to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the Council of the City of San José (“City”) is not in session, and requires that the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven (7) days thereafter, or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8680.9, a local emergency is a condition of extreme peril to persons or property proclaimed as such by the governing body of the local agency affected by a natural or manmade disaster; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a local emergency proclamation is to provide extraordinary police powers, immunity for emergency actions, authorize issuance of orders and regulations, and activate pre-established emergency provisions; and

WHEREAS, a local emergency proclamation is a prerequisite for requesting state or federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City, based on the following:

1. A novel coronavirus (named “COVID-19”) was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat with outcomes ranging from mild sickness to severe illness and death. COVID-19 has spread globally to over 85 countries, infected more than 95,000 people, and killed more than 3,000 individuals.¹

2. On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency.
3. In February 2020, the number of cases of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County (“County”) increased, causing the County to declare a local health emergency and proclaim a local emergency and the City to gradually increase its Pandemic Response Stage from 1 to 3.
4. By March 4, 2020, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 had increased to eleven (11) in the County with confirmed community spread. The California Department of Health Services reported its first death related to COVID-19 and the Governor of California declared a state of emergency.
5. On March 4, 2020, the City partially activated its Emergency Operations Center and began scaling up resources and response in preparation for event and facility closures, increased telecommuting/ work-from-home capacity for employees, augmentation of communication to employees and coordination with partner agencies, as well as other work-place and program modifications to ensure the continuity of City operations while protecting the safety of our employees, providing effective communication, and supporting the County.

¹ World Health Organization Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report – 45

6. By March 5, 2020, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 had increased to twenty (20) in the County, with strong evidence of increasing community spread. The County expanded its guidance and the City escalated its Pandemic Response Stage from 3 to 4.
7. On March 16, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer issued a Shelter in Place Order.
8. On March 31, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer issued another Order to Continue Sheltering in Place until May 3, 2020.
9. On April 13, 2020, the City began its planning efforts to shift out of Pandemic Response Stage 5, “Extremely High Response,” and into Stage 6, “Initial Re-opening with No Vaccine.”
10. On April 15, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom released information on criteria that will determine when to lift the state’s shelter-in-place.
11. On April 16, 2020, President Trump released guidelines for a 3 Phased Approach to Opening Up America Again.
12. On May 4, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer extended the Shelter in Place Order to May 31, 2020, with some modifications, and Governor Gavin Newsom announced an update on California’s progress toward Stage 2 reopening and updated industry guidance to help drive reopening for some sectors, including retail, manufacturing and logistics, with modifications, beginning May 8, 2020.
13. On May 5, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer released information regarding COVID-19 indicators and next steps for reopening.

https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200305-sitrep-45-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=ed2ba78b_2

14. On May 7, 2020, health orders in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties and the City of Berkeley loosened restrictions on construction as well as outdoor activities and businesses, beginning May 8, 2020.
15. On May 18, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer announced amendments to the current Shelter in Place Order to allow some businesses to resume operating, with modifications based on significant progress in controlling the spread of COVID-19, and extending the Shelter in Place order until rescinded or modified.
16. The efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from the emergency conditions caused by COVID-19 have imposed and will continue to impose extraordinary requirements and expenses on the City.

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the City Council ratified the Director of Emergency Services' March 6, 2020 proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within the City; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79502 continuing the proclamation of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) requires that the City Council review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every sixty (60) days until the governing body terminates the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the associated emergency conditions are on-going and the emergency should not be terminated at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

1. The City Council has reviewed the need for continuing the proclamation of local emergency and finds based on substantial evidence that the public interest and necessity require the continuance of the proclamation of local emergency related to COVID-19.
2. Said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until terminated by the City Council of the City of San José.
3. The Director of Emergency Services is authorized to request from the Governor of the State of California assistance including, but not limited to, California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding to assist with emergency responses required by and within the City because locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the local emergency.
4. The Director of Emergency Services is hereby directed to report to the City Council within sixty (60) days on the need for further continuing the local emergency.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk