

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

DATE: October 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Reaffirming and Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency Related to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic

PREPARED BY: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TEMECULA REAFFIRMING AND PROCLAIMING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE
COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC AND ISSUING CERTAIN
ORDERS FOR THE CONDUCT OF CITY AFFAIRS DURING
THE LOCAL EMERGENCY

BACKGROUND: In December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, impacting more than 75 countries, including the United States. Since the Center for Disease Control and Prevention first confirmed the existence and potential spread of COVID-19, there has been significant escalation. On March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency due to the spread of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States made an emergency determination under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in response to COVID-19. On March 16, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer issued an order cancelling and prohibiting all gatherings in which ten or more people are expected to be present, subject to certain limited exceptions. On March 17, 2020, the City Manager of the City of Temecula issued a Declaration of Local Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Temecula Municipal Code Section 2.56.050. On March 24, 2020, April 28, 2020, June 9, 2020 and August 11, 2020 the City Council proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Government Code § 8630 and Temecula Municipal Code Chapter 2.56 provide that the City Council of the City of Temecula may proclaim the existence of a local emergency as defined by Government Code § 8558, subdivision (c). COVID-19 has created conditions that are or likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19.

The conditions under which the City Council declared its March 24, 2020, April 28, 2020, June 9, 2020 and August 11, 2020 local emergency continue to exist. It is therefore recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution reaffirming and proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City Council will continue to review this local emergency proclamation every sixty (60) days pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c), and/or sooner as the Council determines (i.e., 30 days, etc.), and will terminate the emergency proclamation when the conditions warrant.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution