

RESOLUTION NO. XX-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a “public health emergency of international concern”; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat from the rapid spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the Sacramento County Public Health Officer proclaimed a public health emergency in Sacramento County due to the threat to public health and safety from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of California issued a new executive order further enhancing state and local government’s ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of national emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County has reported community transmission of COVID-19 in the County, with multiple cases of confirmed patients, and there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of additional COVID-19 positive patients being identified in Sacramento County; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no vaccine or medical treatment specifically for COVID-19, and, by reason of its magnitude, is a pandemic that is potentially beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Rancho Cordova; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors, and staff is of utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County Public Health has just issued stay-at-home directives to be implemented immediately, with only limited exceptions for specified categories of essential duties, jobs, and services; 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 may 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; coordination of resources with community groups and other governmental agencies to ensure the provision of essential services to our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 authorizes the City Council to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to COVID-19, as set forth above, warrant the proclamation of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency to enable the City to effectively respond to the threat posed by COVID-19, to warn City residents and visitors of the threat posed by COVID-19, and to enable them sufficient time to plan and prepare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova:

1. That a local emergency exists throughout the City of Rancho Cordova.
2. That during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City Council and City Manager shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances and resolutions of this City, and they are hereby empowered to respond effectively to COVID-19, provide appropriate relief and coordinate with non-governmental and governmental organizations to assist in mutual aid and relief in the community, and ensure the City is able to obtain reimbursement for its relief efforts.
3. That because a substantial threat to public health and safety exists that has a substantial likelihood that serious harm will be experienced unless immediate action is taken, the City will need to alter or cease certain services other than essential services in response to this emergency. The City Manager is authorized to take any lawful personnel action that protects the health and safety of the workforce or the community.
4. That the local emergency shall remain in effect until such time that the Council determines that the emergency conditions have been abated.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

David M. Sander, Mayor

Stacy Leitner, CMC
City Clerk