

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA (1) RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED ON MARCH 13, 2020 BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS; (2) EXTENDING SAID PROCLAMATION UNTIL MAY 12, 2020 AT 5:00 PM; (3) DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO OBTAIN ANY AND ALL LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL AID TO ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THE AFOREMENTIONED STATE OF EMERGENCY; AND (4) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND PURCHASING AGENT TO MAKE PURCHASES, AS NEEDED, PURSUANT TO CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.56.100 [EMERGENCY PURCHASES]

WHEREAS, there exists the COVID-19 virus, which represents a serious public health threat; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States to aid the nation's health care community in responding to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, the San Diego County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus, which was subsequently ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the State of California declared a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 virus cases are increasing, with many cases in the State of California (<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s-0303-Additional-COVID-19-infections.html>); and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 authorizes local agencies to proclaim a Local Emergency when such events occur, as defined by Government Code section 8558(c), including an epidemic such as the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista has hereby determined:

1. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Chula Vista caused by the COVID-19 virus (which has also been declared a Global Pandemic by the World Health Organization

(<https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---11-march-2020>)); and

2. That the COVID-19 virus may be transmitted through contact with exposed persons and through “community spread”
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>); and
3. That these conditions are likely to be beyond the normal capacity and control of the services, personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources of the City of Chula Vista; and
4. That the City, as a result of those conditions, has convened its Disaster Council and opened its Emergency Operations Center and is taking steps to address the COVID-19 virus; and
5. That City staff has taken and continues to take appropriate action(s) to meet the conditions presented by the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista Director of Emergency Services issued a Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency, as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.14.080(a), on March 13, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the facts and circumstances set forth above, the City Council of the City of Chula Vista hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Proclamation of Local Emergency issued by the Chula Vista Director of Emergency Services is hereby ratified and that the City Council also adopts findings and determinations made by the Director of Emergency Services in support of said Proclamation.
2. The aforementioned Proclamation of Local Emergency is hereby extended and shall expire on May 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm, unless otherwise lawfully extended, or terminated earlier by the Director of Emergency Services.
3. That the Director of Emergency Services, or their designee, is directed and authorized to address any and all impacts and conditions caused by the COVID-19 virus and to obtain any and all aid and assistance from local, county, state, or federal agencies, including but not limited to aid and assistance pursuant to the California Disaster Assistance Act (“CDAA”).
4. That the City Manager and Purchasing Agent, as a result of this Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency, is also hereby authorized to make purchases of supplies, equipment, or contractual services in the open market at the lowest obtainable price as set forth in and in compliance with Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.56.100(A) and (B) [Emergency Purchases].

Presented by

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Approved as to form by

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