



DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

March 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Palm Springs Municipal Code section 2.20.050(a)(1) empowers the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is exposed to an actual or threatened existence of 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, the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services of the City of Palm Springs, does hereby find that:

1. Threatened existence of conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons in Palm Springs are present as a result of the increasing spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) across the state; and
2. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed multiple cases of individuals who have severe respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus, called COVID-19, as well as deaths caused by this illness; and
3. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and
4. On March 4, 2020 California Governor Newsome declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and
5. The increase of reported cases and deaths associated with COVID-19 has also prompted the County of Riverside on March 10, 2020 to proclaim a local and public health emergency; and
6. A proclamation of a local emergency will assist in a coordinated public health response to reduce transmission and illness severity, provide assistance to health care providers, coordinate and mitigate public services that may be disrupted from this emergency, and mitigate any other effects of this emergency on the citizens of the City; and

7. Under California Government Code section 8630(b) and Palm Springs Municipal Code section 2.20.050(a)(1), a proclamation of local emergency must be ratified by the City Council within seven (7) days to remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, that a local emergency now exists throughout the City; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Palm Springs.; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that, without limiting the nature of the foregoing, the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, is empowered:

(A) To make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency;

(B) To obtain vital supplies, equipment, and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property, and to bind the City for the fair value thereof and, if required immediately, to commandeer the same for public use;

(C) To require emergency services of any City officer or employee and, in the event of the proclamation of a state of emergency in Riverside County, to command the aid of as many citizens of this community as he deems necessary in the execution of his duties; such persons shall be entitled to all privileges, benefits and immunities as are provided by state law for registered disaster service workers;

(D) To requisition necessary personnel or material to any City department or agency; and

(E) To execute all of his ordinary power as City Manager, all of the special powers conferred upon him by Chapter 2.20 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code or by resolution or emergency plan pursuant thereto adopted by the City Council, all powers conferred upon him by any statute, by any agreement approved by the City Council, and by any other lawful authority.

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David H. Ready,
City Manager/Director of Emergency
Services

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



Jeffrey S. Ballinger, City Attorney