

RESOLUTION NO. 9668

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-01 DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Chapter 36 of Title III of the Code of Santa Fe Springs empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to declare the existence or threatened 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 caused by defined conditions to include epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8550 *et seq.*, including Section 8558(c), authorize the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019 and has since been reported in 117 countries, with over 44,000 cases, including the United States. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and, in some cases, death. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the virus is a tremendous public health threat; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern” and on March 11, 2020, the WHO elevated the public health emergency to the status of a pandemic. On January 31, 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 healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California, and the County of Los Angeles declared a local emergency and a local health emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, the WHO reported, to date, 167,511 confirmed global cases of COVID-19, and 6,606 deaths, across 151 countries; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, the CDC reported, to date, 3,487 cases in the U.S. and 68 deaths, with 369 cases reported in California, with officials expecting the number of cases in California, the United States, and worldwide to increase; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the California Department of Health on March 11, 2020 issued a statement entitled "California Public Health Experts: Mass Gatherings Should be Postponed or Canceled Statewide to Slow the Spread of COVID-19," determining that gatherings should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March. Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people, while smaller events can proceed only if the organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person. Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people, while also following social distancing guidelines. Furthermore, essential gatherings should only be conducted if the essential activity could not be postponed or achieved without gathering, meaning that some other means of communication could not be used to conduct the essential function; and

WHEREAS, the Governor on March 12, 2020 issued Executive Order N-25-20, ordering, inter alia, that all residents are to heed the orders and guidance of state and local public health officials; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020, concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe Springs has the power to impose measures to promote social distancing including but not limited to limitations on public events; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen due to the potential introduction of COVID-19 to Santa Fe Springs and Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, such conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases, to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-19 spreads in California at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other countries, the number of persons requiring medical care may exceed locally available resources, and controlling outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the community, and limits the spread of infection in the community and within the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Services, has issued Proclamation 2020-01 declaring a local emergency as of March 12, 2020, as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Section 36.05 of the Code of Santa Fe Springs, which proclamation is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Proclamation No. 2020-01 issued by the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Services, is hereby ratified.
- B. As contemplated in the Emergency Services Act contained in Government Code Section 8550 *et seq.*, including Section 8558(c), and Chapter 36 of Title III of the Code of Santa Fe Springs, beginning March 12, 2020, a local emergency exists based on the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by an epidemic, as detailed in the recitals set forth above.
- C. The area of the City which is endangered/imperiled is the entire City.
- D. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed

by state law and by ordinances, resolutions, and orders of this City, including but not limited to the City of Santa Fe Springs' Emergency Operation Plan.

- E. This local emergency shall continue to exist until the City Council proclaims the termination of this local emergency.
- F. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State Law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Santa Fe Springs; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mayor Pro Tem Mora, and Mayor Rounds
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



William K. Rounds, Mayor

ATTEST:


for Janet Martinez, CMC, City Clerk

PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-01

A PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Chapter 36 of Title III of the Code of Santa Fe Springs empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to declare the existence or threatened 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 caused by defined conditions to include epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8550 *et seq.*, including Section 8558(c), authorize the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019 and has since been reported in 117 countries, with over 44,000 cases, including the United States. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and, in some cases, death. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the virus is a tremendous public health threat; and

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prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-19 spreads in California at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other countries, the number of persons requiring medical care may exceed locally available resources, and controlling outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the community, and limits the spread of infection in the community and within the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Services, has the power to declare a local emergency as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Section 36.05 of the Code of Santa Fe Springs.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the City Manager of the City of Santa Fe Springs as follows:


- A. As contemplated in the Emergency Services Act contained in Government Code Section 8550 *et seq.*, including Section 8558(c), and Chapter 36 of Title III of the Code of Santa Fe Springs, beginning March 12, 2020, a local emergency exists based on the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by an epidemic, as detailed in the recitals set forth above.
- B. The area of the City which is endangered/imperiled is the entire City.
- C. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances, resolutions, and orders of this City, including but not limited to the City of Santa Fe Springs' Emergency Operation Plan.
- D. The City Council shall review and ratify this proclamation within 7 days as required by state law, and if ratified, shall continue to exist until the City Council proclaims the termination of this local emergency. The City Council

shall review the need for continuing the local emergency as required by state law until it terminates the local emergency, and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

- E. That the City of Santa Fe Springs orders that, within the boundaries of the City of Santa Fe Springs, the Public Health Experts' recommendations shall be deemed mandatory.
- F. That a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State Law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Santa Fe Springs; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

PROCLAIMED this 17th day of March, 2020.


Raymond R. Cruz, City Manager


Ivy M. Tsai, City Attorney

ATTEST:


for Janet Martinez, City Clerk