



City Manager's Office

PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY MANAGER DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

1. Recitals.

A. California Government Code section 8630 and Rolling Hills Estates Municipal Code (RHEMC) Chapter 2.24 provide that the City Manager, acting as the director of emergency services, may proclaim the existence of a local emergency, as defined by California Government Code section 8558(c) and RHEMC section 2.24.020, subject to the ratification of the City Council.

B. 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 since spread outside of China, impacting more than 75 countries, including the United States.

C. Since the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") confirmed the first possible case of community spread of COVID-19 in the United States on February 26, 2020, there has been a significant escalation of domestic cases and deaths from COVID-19 in the United States and there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 or antiviral treatment at this time.

D. On March 4, 2020, Gavin Newsom, Governor of the State of California, proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to the threat of the spread of COVID-19.

E. Also on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health declared a local and public health emergency due to the threat of the spread of COVID-19.

F. On March 11, 2020 The World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

G. On March 12, 2020, Gavin Newsom, Governor of the State of California, issued Executive Order N-25-20, which among other things authorized local legislative bodies to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing and suspend certain requirements of the Brown Act on the condition that (1) a local body give advance notice of each public meetings; (2) provide at least one publicly accessible location from which members of public have the right to observe the meeting and offer public comment; and (3) make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the Brown Act.

H. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act").

I. Due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the CDC, the escalation of United States domestic cases of and deaths from COVID- 19, and the identification of COVID-19 cases in California, 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.

J. 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.

K. The above facts and referenced conditions warrant and necessitate that the City Manager, acting as the director of emergency services, proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

2. **Emergency Proclamation.** As City Manager, acting as the director of emergency services, I proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Rolling Hills Estates, and will be deemed to continue to exist for a period of 60 days or until the City Council takes action to terminate the proclamation of local emergency. This emergency proclamation will be submitted to the City Council for ratification within seven days after issuance of this proclamation, in accordance with RHEMC section 2.24.070.A.

3. **Activation of Emergency Powers and Duties.** During the existence of the local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City Council, City Manager, and the emergency organization of this City will be those prescribed by state law, by the ordinances and resolutions of this City, and by the approved emergency plans of the City.

4. **Transmission to State Office of Emergency Services.** Staff is directed to transmit a copy of this proclamation to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that recovery assistance be made available to the City under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA); and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

DATED: March 17, 2020.



Greg Grammer, City Manager