

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN PROCLAIMING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF KERMAN**

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has since spread outside of China, impacting more than 75 countries, now including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the CDC activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the country; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health has activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center, and the Office of Emergency Services recently activated the State Operations Center to provide support and guide actions to preserve public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for the State of California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Director-General for the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 can be characterized as a "pandemic"; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which followed his March 4 proclamation of a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Fresno County Administrative Officer as the County's Emergency Services Director proclaimed a local emergency and it is anticipated that on March 17, 2020, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors will proclaim and ratify the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases within the City, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals who may require medical care; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with certain Municipal Code and other City regulations would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 which issue cannot be timely addressed absent a declaration of emergency; and

WHEREAS, under Government Code Section 8630 the City Council is empowered to declare local emergencies; and

WHEREAS, under Res. No. 20-14, the City Manager has been designated the Director of Civil Defense and Disaster in accordance with 2.52.040 of the Kerman Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Kerman caused by the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all items before it, the City Council of the City of Kerman now desires to declare a state of emergency to make additional resources available to address the effects of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Kerman that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Kerman.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions adopted by the City Council.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Kerman.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. The Government Code Section 8630 requirement that the City Council review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates the local emergency has been waived for the duration of the statewide emergency declared by Governor Newsom. If this declaration of local emergency extends for more than the duration of the statewide emergency declared for COVID-19, City Staff are directed to thereafter return this item for Council review of the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates the local emergency.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately. This resolution and its contents will be posted and promulgated in as widespread a manner as is reasonable feasible under the conditions prevailing during this local emergency.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a special meeting thereof held on the 17th day of March, 2020.

AYES: Herrera, Yep, Dhaliwal, Sandoval, Armstrong

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


Rhonda Armstrong
Mayor

ATTEST:



Marci Reyes
City Clerk