

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-01

A PROCLAMATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF PLEASANT HILL PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”)

WHEREAS, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has confirmed thousands of cases of individuals who have severe respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, including deaths caused by this illness; and

WHEREAS, beginning on January 20, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States of America; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the increase of reported cases and deaths associated with COVID-19 prompted the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County to adopt Resolution No. 2020/92 proclaiming that a local emergency exists throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Contra Costa County Health Officer issued an order directing all individuals living in the County to shelter at their place of residence to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent feasible with exceptions for essential services, activities, and work and exemptions for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 and the Pleasant Hill Municipal Code section 3.45.010 empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency to protect the safety and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.45.040 of the City of Pleasant Hill Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to request the City Council of the City of Pleasant Hill (“City Council”) to proclaim the local emergency himself or herself if the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services has determined that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City as a result of the COVID-19, and a declaration will assist in a coordinated public health response to reduce transmission, assist health care providers, coordinate public services, and mitigate other effects of this emergency on the City.

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 generally requires the City Council to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every sixty (60) days, but as part of Governor Gavin Newsom’s March 4, 2020 Declaration of a State of Emergency in California due to COVID-19, this provision has been waived for the duration of the statewide emergency, allowing the City to maintain its emergency in place until terminated by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the City Manager of the City of Pleasant Hill, as follows:

SECTION 1. A local emergency caused by the actual or threatened conditions of COVID-19 now exists throughout the City of Pleasant Hill, which constitutes an extreme peril of health and safety of persons within the City.

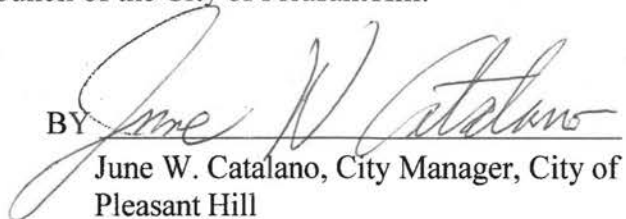
SECTION 2. The City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, is hereby authorized to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property pursuant to California Government Code section 8634 and exercise all other appropriate authorities provided by Section 3.45.040 of the Municipal Code of the City of Pleasant Hill.

SECTION 3. 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, City ordinance, and the City of Pleasant Hill Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the City Council on September 14, 2009.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this proclamation to the Governor, the State Office of Emergency Services, the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, and all other appropriate County, State and Federal government agencies with an interest therein.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this proclamation shall expire seven (7) days from the date of its issuance unless it is ratified by the City Council of the City of Pleasant Hill.

DATE 3/18/20

BY   
June W. Catalano, City Manager, City of  
Pleasant Hill