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City of Beaumont Declares Local Emergency

Beaumont, CA— On Tuesday, March 17, 2020 the Beaumont City Council approved a resolution declaring a local emergency amid concerns over the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

“The health and safety of our residents remains our top priority. The declaration allows the City to be proactive rather than reactive should the virus directly impact our community”, stated Mayor Rey Santos.

The declaration further allows, among other things, the City Manager, or his designee, the authority to enforce orders of other governmental agencies and qualify for financial assistance for costs associated with responses to the coronavirus epidemic.

The resolution and declaration are available online at BeaumontCa.gov. The City is encouraging residents to educate themselves about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), including how to protect themselves and their families, by reviewing resources available at:

Riverside County Public Health: <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DECLARATION OF THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT**

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of persons in Beaumont are presently at risk due to the increasing number of cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) across the state; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 California Governor Newsom 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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 California Governor Newsom held a press conference to announce that individuals 65 and older or vulnerable to COVID-19 must practice home isolation and bars, night clubs, wineries, and breweries should close in California while restaurants should run at 50% capacity to maximize social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and residents of the City of Beaumont;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BEAUMONT CITY COUNCIL
AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council hereby declares a local emergency by way of this resolution and by way of authorizing the City Manager to execute and issue the attached Declaration of the Existence of a Local Emergency (“Declaration”). The City Manager is authorized to make any amendments and/or modifications to the attached Declaration he deems necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and issue further orders as necessary or appropriate.

Section 2. The local emergency shall remain in effect until such time that the Council determines that the emergency conditions have been abated.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

MOVED, PASSED, and ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

**DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

March 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Beaumont Municipal Code section 2.28.020 empowers the City Manager, 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

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Beaumont, does hereby find that:

1. Threatened existence of conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons in Beaumont 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 Newsom 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. On March 15, 2020 California Governor Newsom held a press conference to announce that individuals 65 and older or vulnerable to COVID-19 must practice home isolation and bars, night clubs, wineries, and breweries should close in California while restaurants should run at 50% capacity to maximize social distancing; and
7. 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
8. Under California Government Code section 8630(b) and Beaumont Municipal Code section 2.28.040, 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 Beaumont; and

The local emergency shall remain in effect until such time that the Council determines that the emergency conditions have been abated; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that, without limiting the nature of the foregoing, the City Manager or his designee pursuant to Chapter 2.28 of the Beaumont Municipal Code, 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;

(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

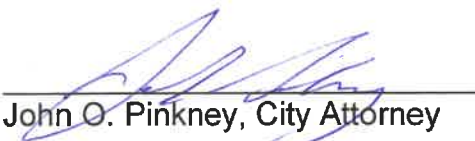
(E) To execute all of his ordinary power as City Manager, all of the special powers conferred upon him by Chapter 2.12 of the Beaumont Municipal Code or by resolution or emergency plan pursuant thereto adopted by the City Council, all powers conferred upon him by any statute, by any agreement approved by the City Council, and by any other lawful authority.

March 14, 2020



Todd Parton,
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



John O. Pinkney, City Attorney