

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY CONCERNING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”)

WHEREAS, Section 4-2.06(A)(1) of the Antioch Municipal Code empowers the City Manager, in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim (subject to ratification by the City Council within seven days) the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session;

WHEREAS, public health officials have detected the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (the “**Coronavirus**” or “**COVID-19**”), an infectious disease that causes respiratory illness with fever, coughing, and difficulty breathing and for which there is currently no known natural immunity or vaccine;

WHEREAS, the number of detected cases of individuals infected with the Coronavirus continues to increase; currently more than 174,000 cases and 6,700 deaths have occurred across more than 115 countries with 511 cases in California and 272 in the Bay Area;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“**CDC**”) has determined the Coronavirus presents a serious and imminent threat, and has confirmed community transmission in the Bay Area;

WHEREAS, the CDC advises that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the Coronavirus, the virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes;

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoiding close contact with people who are sick, staying home if you are sick, except to get medical care, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily, and, under certain circumstances, wearing a facemask;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern”;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency in California (Executive Order N-25-20) as a result of the threat of the Coronavirus;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Contra Costa County proclaimed a local emergency caused by the introduction of Coronavirus and its contribution to the shortage of essential health care supplies;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the Coronavirus;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 120175, an order of the Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa was issued and directing all individuals living in the County to shelter at their place of residence, except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services, exempting individuals experiencing homelessness from the shelter in place order but urging them to find shelter and government agencies to provide it, directing all businesses and governmental agencies to cease non-essential operations at physical locations in the County, prohibiting all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals, and ordering cessation of all non-essential travel; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services of the City of Antioch, does hereby find that Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Antioch, caused by the novel coronavirus disease 2019 and that the City Council of the City of Antioch is not in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the City of Antioch commencing on the date of the signature of the Director of Emergency Services below and that:


1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct;
2. This proclamation of local emergency, invokes in the City of Antioch all powers and mechanisms set forth in the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code sections 8550 et seq.), City of Antioch Municipal Code, Section 4-2, and all other applicable laws, to be used by authorized personnel of the City of Antioch;
3. The Director of Emergency Services of the City of Antioch is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Antioch, any agreement or application for, and to file the agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the purposes of obtaining federal financial assistance.
4. The Governor of the State of California include the City of Antioch in any emergency declaration by the State; ensure the City of Antioch is included in any emergency declaration that may be issued by the President of the United States of America; waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; and make available California Disaster Act and State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program Funding.

5. This Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless ratified by the City Council of the City of Antioch, and extended, or unless sooner terminated.

DATE: 3/17/2020

By: 
RON BERNAL, CITY MANAGER
IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE DIRECTOR
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

ATTEST:


ARNE SIMONSEN, CMC
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH