

RESOLUTION NO. 4984-2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARSTOW,
CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE
OUTBREAK OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that has now spread globally;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency to exist in California as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino County Health Officer declared a local emergency and a local health emergency, respectively, as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom's signed Executive Order N-25-20 giving state and local public health officials the authority to issue guidance limiting or recommending limitations upon attendance at public assemblies, conferences or other mass events;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom called for the closure of all bars, pubs, and wineries in the State and restrictions on restaurants;

WHEREAS, despite sustained efforts, COVID-19 remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to reduce and minimize the risk of infection are needed;

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 and its consequences are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Barstow;

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, the 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 respond to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The City Council finds that all of the preceding recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and adopted as findings and determinations by the City Council as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Proclamation. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, Subdivision (a), the City Council proclaims a local emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

SECTION 3. Regulation of Public Gatherings. Commencing immediately, all City departments are directed to postpone or cancel all non-essential public community events or group activities in City-owned properties that require close contact and involve ten or more participants.

SECTION 4. Regulation of Public Facilities. Commencing immediately, all City departments are directed to close all non-essential City-owned facilities that require close contact of vulnerable individuals, including those over 65 years old or with compromised immune systems.

SECTION 5. Emergency Authority. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8634, the City Council authorizes the City Manager to take any measures necessary to protect and preserve public health and safety, including activation of the Emergency Operations Center.

SECTION 6. Public Health Officials. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to implement any guidance, recommendations, or requirements imposed by state and local public health officials.

SECTION 7. Termination. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, Subdivision (d), the City Council will proclaim the termination of the emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

SECTION 8. Review. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, Subdivision (c), the City Council will review the need for continuing the local emergency at each City Council meeting following this Resolution, but in no event later than 60 days from the previous declaration or review, until the City Council terminates the local emergency.

SECTION 9. Cost Accounting. City staff will begin accounting for their time and expenses related to addressing the local emergency caused by COVID-19.

SECTION 10. Cost Recovery. The City will seek recovery for the cost of responding to COVID-19, as this proclamation is made within 10 days of the Governor's

Executive Order N-25-20 and the President's declaration of a national emergency, qualifying the City for assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act and for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SECTION 11. Submissions. The City Clerk will transmit a copy of this Resolution at the earliest opportunity to the San Bernardino County Operational Area and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

SECTION 12. Certification. The City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and its approval by the City Council and shall cause the same to be listed in the records of the City.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 16th day of March, 2020.


Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Mayor

ATTEST:


JoAnne V. Cousino, City Clerk

I, JoAnne V. Cousino, City Clerk of the City of Barstow do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 4984-2020 is the actual Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting on the 16th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS SILVA AND NOBLE, MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ AND MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE

NOES: NONE

ABSENT/VACANT: ONE

ABSTAIN: NONE


JoAnne V. Cousino, City Clerk

