

CITY OF FOWLER

RESOLUTION NO. 2461

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OR THREATENED EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and Fowler Municipal Code section 4.2.06 empowers the City Council to proclaim a local emergency when the City of Fowler is affected or likely to be affected by the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the City; and

WHEREAS, as empowered by Fowler Municipal Code section 4.2.06, the City's Director of Emergency Services has requested that the City Council proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and considered the request from the Director of Emergency Services, dated March 16, 2020, and the findings stated therein, which request is incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full; and

WHEREAS, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the City have arisen within the City of Fowler caused by the threatened spread of COVID-19, and the conditions warrant and necessitate proclaiming the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fowler resolves as follows:

1. Proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the City.
2. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Fowler Disaster Council shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of the City.
3. The need for continuing this local emergency shall be reviewed as required by Government Code section 8630, and the City Council shall proclaim the termination of this local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

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The foregoing resolution was introduced and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Fowler held on March 17, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

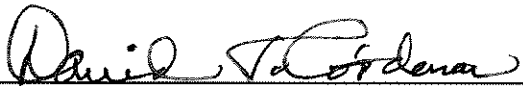
AYES: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, & Kazarian

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rodriquez

ABSTAIN: None

Date: March 17, 2020.



David Cardenas, Mayor

Attest:



Jeannie Davis, City Manager/City Clerk

**A REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR
THE CITY OF FOWLER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FOWLER PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OR THREATENED
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, Section 4.2.06 of the City of Fowler Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Fowler to request the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Fowler is affected or likely to be affected by the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Fowler ("City") does hereby find as follows:

1. That international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARSCoV-2," and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19, ("COVID-19"); and
2. That while the complete clinical picture with regard to COVID-19 is not yet fully understood, reported symptoms and illnesses from COVID-19 range from mild to severe, including fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and illnesses resulting in death; and
3. That the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that certain populations face elevated risk and widespread transmission of COVID-19 would translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time and other critical infrastructure may also be affected; and
4. That, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and
5. That, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and
6. That, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California 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
7. That, on March 11, 2020, the Director-General of the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and
8. That, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and that the federal government would make \$50 billion in emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and
9. That, on March 13, 2020, the Fowler Unified School District ordered all district schools closed to students beginning on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, through Monday, April 13, 2020; and

10. That, as of March 15, 2020, the Fresno County Department of Public Health had reported two confirmed cases of COVID-19 (travel-related) within Fresno County; and
11. That, on March 15, 2020, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19; and
12. That the City intends to continue to implement measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and prepare for any and all emergency actions in response to the spread of COVID-19, and take appropriate actions to protect the public health and safety, and to aid the regional healthcare and government community in responding to COVID-19 during this local, state, and national public health emergency; and
13. That the above described events are creating conditions of extreme peril and such conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby requested that the City Council of the City of Fowler proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency as a result of COVID-19, and authorize the Director of Emergency Services for the City to issue rules and regulations following such proclamation as empowered by Fowler Municipal Code section 4.2.06.

Dated: March 16, 2020.



Jeannie Davis, City Manager and Director of
Emergency Service for the City of Fowler