

RESOLUTION NO. 1036-20**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE EXTENDING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the City due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the City Council unanimously ratified and confirmed that proclamation of local emergency on March 17, 2020 by adopting Resolution 979-20; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed and unanimously extended the proclamation of local emergency on April 7, 2020 (Resolution 981-20); May 26, 2020 (Resolution 994-20); July 14, 2020 (Resolution 1010-20); August 25, 2020 (Resolution 1016-20); and October 13, 2020 (Resolution 1025-20); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the need to continue the existence of a local emergency and finds that the conditions supporting the declaration of emergency related to COVID-19 continue to exist, for reasons including, but not limited to:

(1) All residents of the State of California and Santa Clara County continue to be subject to public health orders that continue to limit or place restrictions on certain activities and require social distancing at all times; and

(2) As of mid-November 2020, COVID-19 case rates throughout the United States, including California, were significantly increasing, with case rates in many areas exceeding prior peak numbers; and

(3) On November 16, 2020, Santa Clara County was moved from the State's COVID-19 Orange/Moderate Tier down to the Purple/Widespread Tier, due to increases in the test positivity rate and cases per day. These changes limit capacity or require closure of non-essential indoor operations, and impose more stringent health and safety requirements for activities than those required under the Orange Tier, for the purpose of limiting the spread of COVID-19; and

(4) As of November 16, 2020, the State of California recorded more than 1,019,000 cases of COVID-19 and more than 18,000 deaths; and

(5) As of November 16 2020, Santa Clara County recorded more than 28,300 cases of COVID-19 and 444 deaths; and

(6) All of the state and county case and death numbers are expected to continue to rise. Health officials at all levels of government are particularly concerned about the spread of COVID-19 during the upcoming winter holidays, and have urged people to limit holiday gatherings and nonessential travel; and

(5) COVID-19 continues to impact families with school-aged children. Schools in counties on the Purple/Widespread Tier that have not reopened for in-person learning may not open without a waiver for in-person learning until the counties in which they are located have been in the Red/Substantial Tier for at least fourteen consecutive days. Most public schools in Sunnyvale have not returned to full-time in-person learning, and many continue full-time distance learning; and

(6) Many Sunnyvale residents have experienced job loss or reduced hours due to COVID-19 closures and shelter-in-place orders, and the unemployment rate in Santa Clara County in September 2020 was 7.1 percent, down slightly from summer unemployment rates but still a substantial increase from pre-pandemic rates of 2.6 percent in January and February of 2020; and

(7) The City has and continues to experience a loss of revenue from several areas due to closures related to COVID-19; and

(8) The economic recovery from COVID-19 and its impacts are now estimated to be in terms of years not months; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the COVID-19 situation is still causing conditions of peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Sunnyvale and is still deemed to be beyond the control of normal protective services, personnel, equipment and facilities of and within the City.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. The City of Sunnyvale hereby proclaims the extension of the period of the Existence of a Local Emergency for an additional 60 days or unless sooner terminated.
2. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale.
3. As required by California Government Code section 8630, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every sixty (60) days until this resolution is terminated.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on December 8, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: KLEIN, SMITH, LARSSON, HENDRICKS, MELTON, GOLDMAN, FONG
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
RECUSAL: NONE

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Mayor

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