

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**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); October 13, 2020 (Resolution 1025-20); and December 8, 2020 (Resolution 1036-20); 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 limit or place restrictions on certain activities and require social distancing at all times. As of January 14, 2021, residents of the twelve Bay Area counties, including Santa Clara County, were subject to a regional-stay-at-home order, the State's most restrictive order, which requires residents to stay home as much as possible, and close or limit operation of many service and retail businesses. Santa Clara County residents are also required to quarantine after any non-essential travel greater than 150 miles; and

(2) COVID-19 case rates in California in December 2020 and January 2021 significantly increased, with case rates in most areas of California significantly exceeding prior peak numbers; and

(3) The increases in case rates have led to increased hospitalizations that are straining the capacity of hospitals and ICUs throughout the region and state; as of January 13, 2021, ICU capacity for the Bay Area Region was less than 10%; and

(4) As of January 13, 2021, the State of California recorded more than 2,780,000 cases of COVID-19 and more than 31,000 deaths; and

(5) As of January 13, 2021, Santa Clara County recorded more than 87,000 cases of COVID-19 and 1000 deaths; and

(5) COVID-19 continues to impact families with school-aged children. Schools in counties subject to the regional stay-at home order or the Purple/Widespread Tier that have not reopened for in-person learning currently 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 stay-at-home orders, and the unemployment rate in Santa Clara County in November 2020 (prior to implementation of the regional stay-at-home order, which required closure of certain businesses and limited others) was 5.1 percent, down from summer unemployment rates but nevertheless 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, particularly with the dramatic increases in cases and deaths over the last two months, continues to create 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 _____, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
RECUSAL:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk
(SEAL)

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney