

**RESOLUTION NO. 979-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE  
CONFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES'  
PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, section 2.16.040 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services/City Manager to proclaim a local emergency if the City Council is not in session and requires that the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the State of California due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Santa Clara County declared an emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, thus enabling Santa Clara County to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health issued a mandatory order prohibiting public gatherings of more than 1000 people, effective March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; Santa Clara County announced that the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the County had increased to 48 from 24 on March 6, 2020; and the CDC and Governor of the State of California issued recommendations to cancel or postpone gatherings of more than 20 people; and

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; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, more than 120,000 people in more than 100 countries have been infected by COVID-19, and Santa Clara County was among jurisdictions in the United States with the highest case numbers; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 therefore has and will continue to cause conditions of peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Sunnyvale; and

WHEREAS, preparing for, responding to, mitigating, and recovering from the spread of COVID-19 requires the City to divert resources from normal day-to-day operations, and has and will continue to impose extraordinary requirements on and expenses to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the above described conditions related to the COVID-19 outbreak did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in Sunnyvale.

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

1. The Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency, as issued by the Director of Emergency Services/City Manager, and attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution, is hereby ratified and confirmed.
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 law, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every thirty (30) days until this resolution is terminated.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on March 17, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: KLEIN, SMITH, LARSSON, HENDRICKS, SMITH, GOLDMAN, FONG

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

RECUSAL:

ATTEST:



City Clerk  
(SEAL)

APPROVED:



Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE CITY MANAGER/EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR  
REGARDING COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, on March 11, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of Sunnyvale residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the City may require additional assistance in the future, and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the City in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency, as defined by Sunnyvale Municipal Code Chapter 2.16; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Sunnyvale does hereby find that extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety, and of persons and property within the City of Sunnyvale, that are or are likely to be beyond the control or capability of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and


WHEREAS, the City Council is not in session and cannot be immediately called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Sunnyvale due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by the Charter, by ordinances and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Sunnyvale Emergency Plan, as approved by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this emergency proclamation shall expire in 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale.

Date: March 12, 2020

  
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Kent Steffens  
Director of Emergency Services/City Manager