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# City Council Memorandum

*City of Arts & Innovation*

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 17, 2020

FROM: MAYOR RUSTY BAILEY, WARDS: ALL  
COUNCILMEMBER EDWARDS  
COUNCILMEMBER PERRY

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RATIFYING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19); RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE  
DIRECTOR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES CONCURRENCE IN LOCAL  
EMERGENCY

## **ISSUES:**

Approve a Resolution ratifying the existence of a local emergency regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and a Resolution requesting that the State Director's Office of Emergency Services concur with the local emergency.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Resolution ratifying the existence of a local emergency regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and
2. Approve a Resolution requesting that the State Director's Office of Emergency Services concur with the local emergency.

## **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

The California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8550, et seq.), Government Code section 8630, and Riverside Municipal Code sections 2.68.010 and 9.20.060 empower the Director of Emergency Services and the Riverside City Council to proclaim a Local Emergency when the City Council is not in session when there exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the City of Riverside which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for the State of California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, Governor Newsom issued his policy recommending the cancellation of public gatherings of 250 people or more and limitations on gatherings of people who are at higher risk for COVID-19 to 10 people or fewer, and delaying or canceling meetings where attendees cannot observe at least six (6) feet of "social distance" from one another.

On March 8, 2020, the Riverside County's Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of a Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Riverside County. On March 10, 2020, the County of Riverside ratified the local emergency.

On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the coronavirus pandemic a national emergency.

## **DISCUSSION:**

On Friday, March 13, 2020, the City of Riverside declared a local emergency to increase its efforts to protect the public from COVID-19. The City of Riverside's proclamation of local emergency notes that "there exists conditions of a disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons or property within the territorial limits of the City of Riverside that are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City for the reason of COVID-19."

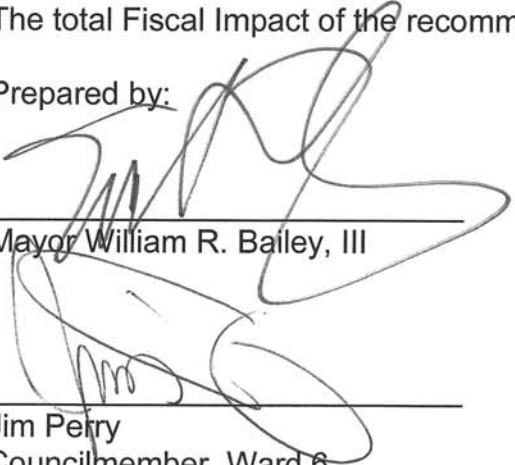
The declaration of local emergency comes as local, state and federal governments are working in an attempt to control the spread of COVID-19 across the country, in order to reduce the potential of the virus to overwhelm the nation's healthcare agencies.

Per chapter 9.20 of the Riverside Municipal Code, ratification of the declaration by the City Council is required within seven (7) days of the declaration. If ratified, the declaration of local emergency must be reviewed every 30 days until the local emergency is terminated.

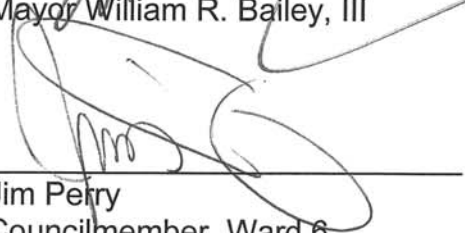
## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total Fiscal Impact of the recommended actions of this report is unknown at this time.

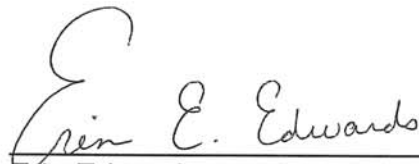
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**Attachments:**

1. Proclamation of Local Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
2. Resolution ratifying existence of a local emergency
3. Resolution requesting State Director Office of Emergency Services concur in local emergency