



Proclamation of Local State of Emergency

- WHEREAS,** In accordance with Chapter 8.30.050 of the Sonora Municipal Code, which empowers the City Council of the City of Sonora (the “City”) to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Sonora is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and
- WHEREAS,** Following the death of George Floyd while in custody of local law enforcement in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25, 2020, protests across the country have occurred, with some protesters starting fires and engaging in vandalism and violence, resulting in at least 40 cities imposing curfews and the activation of the National Guard in at least 23 states, including California, and in Washington, DC; and
- WHEREAS,** Recent demonstrations in neighboring cities and counties in California have led to violence, arrests, and vandalism of local businesses, including threats of looting and other criminal conduct, and have placed a strain on local law enforcement resources; and
- WHEREAS,** There remains a state of emergency due to the continued impacts of the spread of COVID-19 as reflected in Governor Gavin Newsom’s March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency, the March 11, 2020 assessment by the World Health Organization that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic, the City’s Proclamation of Local Emergency issued on March 13, 2020, Governor Newsom’s March 12, 2020, Executive Order N-25-20, Governor Newsom’s March 19, 2020, Executive Order N-33-20, and the designation by the State Public Health Officer of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers issued on March 22, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to the Governor’s March 4, 2020 Proclamation, the citizens of the state of California remain under an order by the State Public Health Officer to not engage in travel. Specifically, it is ordered that, “All individuals living in the State of California are currently ordered to stay home or at their place of residence, except for permitted work, local shopping or other permitted errands, or as otherwise authorized (including in the Questions & Answers below).” <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#top>; and

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

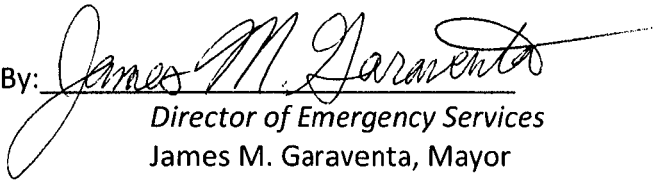
WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Sonora does hereby find:

- The efforts required to respond to, mitigate, and recover from the demonstrations occurring in the City on June 3, 2020 and expected to occur in subsequent days have imposed and will continue to impose extraordinary requirements and expenses on the City, requiring diversion of resources from day-to-day operations; and
- These facts, together with the ongoing conditions or threatened conditions already caused by COVID-19, give rise to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within said City; and
- These conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Sonora.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Sonora; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance.

Dated: June 3, 2020

By: 
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