



City of Fortuna

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA CONFIRMING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19
(By the City Manager, Director of Emergency Services)

WHEREAS, Ordinance 97-611. of the City of Fortuna empowers the City Manager (Director of Emergency Services) to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said city is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, impacting more than 75 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has been working in close collaboration with the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the United States Health and Human Services Agency, and with local health departments since December 2019 to monitor and plan for the potential spread of COVID-19 to the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases in California, to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, if COVID- 19 spreads in California at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other countries, the number of persons requiring medical care may exceed locally available resources, and controlling outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the people of California, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 The County of Humboldt released a “Shelter in Place” Order directing all individuals living in Humboldt County to shelter in their residences except to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in essential activities and ordering all non-essential businesses to cease operations at physical locations and order cessation of all non-essential travel,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 California Governor Gavin Newsom announced a state “Stay at Home” Order, which directs 40 million California residents to stay home indefinitely except for essential jobs, errands and some exercise, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fortuna Municipal Code states “State of emergency” means the duly proclaimed, by the Governor or Director of the State Office of Emergency Services, existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation, or disease, the Governor’s warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions other than conditions causing a “state of war emergency,” which conditions, by reason of their magnitude are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel equipment, and facilities of any single county, city, and county and city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat, or with respect to regulated energy utilities, a sudden and severe energy shortage which requires extraordinary measures beyond the authority vested in the California Public Utilities Commission, and

WHEREAS, during a state of emergency the City manager is designated the Director of Emergency Services and the Police Chief is designated Assistant Director of Emergency Services (Ord. 97-611), and

WHEREAS, if the city council is not in session, the director may proclaim the existence or the threatened existence of a local emergency when circumstances described in FMC 2.36.020(B) exist. Said proclamation shall be in writing and shall take effect immediately. When a local emergency is proclaimed by the director, the city council shall review and ratify the proclamation at the next regularly scheduled council meeting, and

WHEREAS, At least every 21 days after the proclamation of a local emergency and until said local emergency is terminated, the city council shall review the continuing need for a local emergency and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date the conditions warrant.

WHEREAS, the City Manager (Director of Emergency Services) of the City of

Fortuna does hereby find:

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said city, caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic and associated response and that the City Council of the City of Fortuna is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout said city; 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 this city shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this city, and by the City of Fortuna Emergency Plan, as approved by the City Council.

Dated: March 20, 2020

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Remy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

City Manager (Director of Emergency Services)
City of Fortuna