

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL  
EMERGENCY BY THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR  
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA MARIA**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-17.04 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code declares that the City Manager of the City of Santa Maria is the Director of Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-17.04(a) of the Santa Maria Municipal Code empowers the City Manager of the City of Santa Maria as Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by an emergency or a disaster and the City Council is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager finds that Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a new communicable disease, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. COVID-19 has since spread globally to over 70 countries, infecting more than 179,000 people and killing more than 7,400 people. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes from mild sickness to severe illness and death; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager finds that according to the Centers for Disease Control, there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 and there is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for COVID-19 at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager finds that on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex M. Azar II, declared a Public Health Emergency to aid the nation in responding to COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, there are confirmed COVID-19 cases in County of Santa Barbara, the County of Ventura and the County of San Luis Obispo; and

**WHEREAS**, to combat the spread of COVID-19, the counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo have each declared local health emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, on March 15, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-27-20 and on March 16, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-28-20 regarding COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the facts stated above raise the potential for widespread community transmission of COVID-19 occurring among the general public in the United States and

the need for the City of Santa Maria and the public to work cooperatively and proactively to slow the spread of COVID-19 and address any challenges that may arise due to any outbreak of this disease in the City of Santa Maria; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions, if fully manifested, are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Santa Maria; and

**WHEREAS**, the mobilization of local resources, the ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to responding to COVID-19 and therefore, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City of Santa Maria proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** by the City Manager of the City of Santa Maria that a local emergency exists throughout the City of Santa Maria, and shall be deemed to continue to exist for a period of at least seven (7) days or until the City Council takes action to ratify or terminate the proclamation of local emergency; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that during the existence of this local emergency that the powers, functions, and duties of the City of Santa Maria will be those prescribed by state law, state executive orders, the City Charter, ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Santa Maria; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that during the existence of this local emergency that the powers, functions, and duties of the City of Santa Maria will be those prescribed by state law, state executive orders, the City Charter, ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Santa Maria, including specifically the Director of Emergency Services may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property as set forth in Section 2-17.06 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code and California Government Code section 8634; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that the Governor proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the City of Santa Maria; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

Date: 3/18/2020

  
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Jason Stilwell  
City Manager/ Director of Emergency Services