



RESOLUTION #2020-110

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- WHEREAS,** ORS 401.309 authorizes the city governing body to declare, by ordinance or resolution, that a state of emergency exists within the city; and
- WHEREAS,** the following conditions have resulted in the need for a local state of emergency: (a) the presence of presumptive cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the State of Oregon and neighboring State of Idaho; (b) emergency orders from the Governor restricting gatherings, meetings, closing schools, restricting the operation of bars and restaurants and encouraging social distancing and remote business operations; and
- WHEREAS,** the presence of COVID-19 constitutes a high potential threat to public health, to wit, infectious Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is known to spread person-to-person through coughing, sneezing and close personal contact; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown signed Executive Order No. 20-03, declaring a statewide emergency due to COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon and on March 12, 2020 signed Executive Order 20-05, Prohibiting large gatherings; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the following disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected in association with COVID-19: {a) COVID-19 is expanding world-wide including a declared global pandemic and a declared outbreak in Oregon; (b) County resources will be needed to respond to this threat to keep the public as safe as possible; (c) Resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be exhausted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Ontario City Council to Declare a State of Emergency in the City of Ontario due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective March 23, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council City Council of the City of Ontario this 23rd day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED by the Mayor this 23rd day of March, 2020.

ATTEST

Riley J. Hill, Mayor

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder