

RESOLUTION 2020-030  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
DECLARED BY THE CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is threatened with serious injury and damage, consisting of widespread human and economic impact caused by the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the State of Colorado identified its first positive case of COVID-19, and Colorado has begun to experience limited community spread; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Larimer County identified its first positive case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 event; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jared Polis declared a State of Emergency in the State of Colorado on March 10, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 event; and

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Director of Public Health has recommended that a local emergency be declared in Larimer County in response to the COVID-19 event; and

WHEREAS, Larimer County declared a Local Disaster Emergency on March 13, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 event; and

WHEREAS, Colorado State University has announced that all classes will be migrating to online learning beginning March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Poudre School District has announced remote learning for students, beginning on March 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Larimer County Department of Public Health and Environment, state officials, Colorado State University and the Poudre School District are cooperatively working to limit community spread and slow the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, in order to undertake emergency measures to protect the life, health, safety and property of the citizens of the City and persons conducting business therein, and in order to attempt to minimize the loss of human life and the preservation of property, the City Manager, as the Director of the City's Office of Emergency Management, proclaimed a "local emergency" in accordance with Section 2-671(a)(1) of the City Code and activated the Emergency Operations Plan established pursuant to Section 2-673 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the prevention and management of exposure to COVID-19 and mitigation of related impacts of all kinds continue to require emergency action by the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-671 (a)(1) of the City Code states that a local emergency proclaimed by the City Manager shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days without the consent of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, conditions continue to exist which, for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Fort Collins, warrant the continuation of the previously proclaimed local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is requesting that the City Council continue the proclamation of local emergency as established by the City Manager on March 13, 2020, until such time as the City Manager determines the conditions justifying this local emergency no longer exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby finds that conditions continue to exist which, in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins, warrant the continuation of the previously proclaimed local emergency until such time as the conditions warranting this local emergency no longer exist.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby authorizes, approves, and consents to the continuation of the state of local emergency until such time as the City Manager determines in writing that the conditions justifying this local emergency no longer exist and such written determination is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Passed and adopted at a special meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of March, A.D. 2020.

  
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Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

