



TOWN OF COLMA

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A PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE TOWN OF COLMA DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

Town of Colma
March 2020

WHEREAS, Colma Municipal Code Subchapter 1.17 empowers the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is exposed to an actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the Town and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as Emergency Services Director of the Town of Colma does hereby find that:

1. Threatened existence of conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons in the Town are present as a result of the increasing spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) across the state.
2. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that causes illnesses ranging from the common cold to more severe respiratory diseases. Novel coronavirus is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans. Since its discovery in December 2019, mainland Chinese authorities have identified thousands of human infections, resulting in thousands of deaths associated with this novel coronavirus which began in Wuhan City, Hubei Province.
3. On or about March 4, 2020, as part of the State of California's response to address the global COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19 following one official COVID-19 death.
4. On March 5, 2020, San Mateo County declared a Local Health Emergency pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 101080 due to the potential introduction of COVID-19 in San Mateo County.

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5. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic.
6. Additionally, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among state and local health departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus. On March 11, 2020, the CDC issued recommendations for 30-day mitigation strategies based on the current situation with COVID-19 transmission and affected health care facilities including the recommendation to cancel large gatherings e.g., greater than 250 people or move to smaller groupings.
7. On March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of California announced that California public health officials have determined that gatherings of more than 250 people should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March.
8. On March 13, 2020, the President of United States declared a national emergency
9. The efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from the increasing spread of COVID-198 have imposed, and will continue to impose, extraordinary requirements and expenses on the Town, requiring diversion of resources from day-to-day operations.
10. As contemplated in the Emergency Service Act contained in Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), a local emergency exists because of the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the Town of Colma caused by the aforesaid conditions which are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel and facilities of the Town of Colma and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.
11. At the time of this proclamation, the City Council was not in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that a local emergency now exists throughout the Town; 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 Town shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of this Town of Colma.

March 16, 2020



Brian Dossey
Director of Emergency Services