



## Staff Report

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Sean Rabé, Town Manager  
**DATE:** February 9, 2021  
**RE:** Reaffirmation of Local Emergency Declared March 17, 2020

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Town Council reaffirm that the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the Town of Loomis caused by the COVID 19 pandemic, which warranted the March 17, 2020 Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Town of Loomis Director of Emergency Services, continue to exist. Council previously reaffirmed the local emergency on June 9, 2020, August 11, 2020, October 13, 2020 and December 8, 2020.

### **Issue Statement and Discussion**

At the March 31, 2020 special Council meeting, Council affirmed the Town of Loomis Director of Emergency Services' proclamation of a local emergency, which was originally declared March 17, 2020., Council reaffirmed that proclamation. Council reaffirmed the proclamation on June 9, 2020; August 11, 2020; October 13, 2020; and December 8, 2020.

Loomis Municipal Code, Chapter 6.04 as amended on March 31, 2020 requires that any Proclamation of Local Emergency be reaffirmed every 60 days. As noted above, Council reaffirmed the local emergency on December 8, 2020. Because 60 days has elapsed, Council should now reaffirm the emergency again. If Council does not reaffirm the local emergency, the Town would jeopardize any other State or Federal funding tied to the declaration of emergency and the flexibility of work from home for Town operations would be affected.

It should be noted that no other local government in the County has dropped its declaration of local emergency. Placer County took an action in the Fall to rescind its local public health emergency resolution – but it has not taken an action to rescind its local emergency resolution. They are two different resolutions, and the County still has the same type of declaration of emergency that the Town Council is now being asked to reaffirm.

As Council know, the COVID-19 situation is very fluid. While Governor Newsom lifted the Stay At Home Order for the Sacramento Region in late January, Placer County remains in the Purple Tier of the State's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" (indicating widespread risk of COVID-19 transmission). Because of the status of continued COVID-19 spread, the ongoing public health concerns, and the potential of placing the Town's funding in jeopardy, Staff recommends Council reaffirm the declaration.

Staff is prepared to answer any questions you may have.

### **CEQA Requirements**

There are no CEQA implications associated with the recommended action.

**Financial and/or Policy Implications**

State and Federal funding is available for municipalities with an affirmed local emergency. There is a potential that funding could be jeopardized for the Town, local businesses and residents if Council does not affirm the local emergency.

**Attachments**

None.