



Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: October 13, 2020
RE: Reaffirmation of Local Emergency Declared March 19, 2020

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 and August 11, 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. On June 9, 2020, Council reaffirmed that proclamation. Council again reaffirmed the proclamation on August 11, 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 August 11, 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 its CARES Act funding and any other State or Federal funding tied to the declaration of emergency.

It should be noted that no other local government in the County has dropped its declaration of local emergency. Placer County recently took an action 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. Governor Newsom has issued a Stay At Home Order for an indeterminate length of time. Because of the Order, the ongoing public health concerns, and the potential of placing the Town's CARES Act and other 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.