

RESOLUTION NO. 1229
A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF
EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE NOVEL INFECTIOUS
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Coronavirus are a group of viruses that can cause respiratory disease, with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life for individuals with underlying health conditions; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 requires a significant amount of resources at the local level to keep the public and community informed and as safe as possible; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order No. 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Linn County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Harrisburg is at imminent risk of injury and loss of life from the public health threat posed by the novel infectious coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses within the City of Harrisburg are at imminent risk of economic injury and loss due to the short- and long-term effects of this health emergency posed by the novel infectious coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that appropriate response to this emergency has exceeded the capability of local resources from the City of Harrisburg; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that this emergency is of such unknown duration and severity that state assistance is required, and further that federal assistance may also be necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the above findings, the City Council orders and declares that the health, welfare and safety of the people of the City of Harrisburg require the following:

Section 1. A Local State of Emergency is declared to exist throughout the City of Harrisburg.

Section 2. All necessary City funds shall be redirected for emergency use, and standard City procurement procedures shall be suspended for any contract or purchase necessary to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Section 3. All non-essential meetings of the City Council, committees, task forces and City events are cancelled until April 28, 2020. Essential meetings will be conducted in a manner to best protect the public and meet legal requirements. For the duration of this emergency, the City Council will suspend in-person comments from concerned citizens in the audience, and related portions of the City Council meeting agenda, and encourages citizens, visitors and petitioners to provide written or electronic testimony and comments to the Council.

Section 4. The City Administrator is specifically authorized to determine the necessity for employment practices and policies, limiting public access to City facilities and other necessary and reasonable operational requirements for the City of Harrisburg for the duration of this emergency. Actions taken by the City Administrator prior to this resolution and order are specifically ratified.

Section 5. The City shall comply with directives from the Oregon Health Authority and the County Health Officials.

Section 6. This Declaration of a State of Emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until April 28, 2020 but may be extended as circumstances may require.

Section 7. The City of Harrisburg requests emergency operational aid as necessary and available for public health and economic needs from Linn County, the State of Oregon and the Federal government.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Harrisburg, Oregon, March 24, 2020.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Recorder