RESOLUTION NO. 24-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY AFFECTING THE PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SAFETY DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 empowers the City Council to
proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is
affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, public health officials have detected novel coronavirus COVID-19 (“COVID-
19”), an infectious disease to which there is no known natural immunity and for which
there is currently no vaccine, in numerous countries and the Center for Disease Control
has determined COVID-19 presents a serious and imminent threat, and has confirmed
community transmission in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of
danger to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; on March 10, 2020,
Contra Costa County proclaimed the existence of a local emergency caused by the
introduction of COVID-19 and its contribution to the shortage of essential health care
supplies; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national
danger; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa issued
an order to address the COVID-19 public-health crisis that is attached hereto as “Exhibit
A”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that conditions of serious risk to the safety
of persons and property have arisen within the City of Oakley caused by COVID-19, and
these conditions may require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to
combat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a local emergency exists throughout the
City of Oakley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to
exist until its termination by the City Council, and in compliance with California
Government Code Section 8630, the City Council shall review the need for continuing the
emergency declaration at least once every 60 days until termination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during this emergency, all City facilities, including City
Hall, the Recreation Center, parks, playgrounds and associated facilities will be closed
until April 8, 2020, or such sooner or later time as public health authorities determine is appropriate in the interest of the promotion of the public health, as confirmed by the City Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sworn Police Department officers and essential City employees shall continue to report for duty/work, but other employees shall not report, consistent with the County Health Officer’s shelter-in-place order. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to ensure the viability of its workforce, and to ensure the ability to call up sheltering employees in the event they are needed to assist during this declared emergency, the City Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the public interest to pay all City employees their regular and full salaries and to continue providing their regular and full benefits during the full period in which this declared emergency exists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, in consultation with the Mayor and with the advisement of the City Attorney, shall have the power to take such actions as are reasonable under the circumstances to carry out any of the directives or duties necessary to effectuate the goals and objectives of this declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents of Oakley are encouraged to remain calm, acknowledging that our country has faced many challenges and obstacles throughout our history and working together we have always persevered through those, as we will with the COVID-19 emergency.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTENTION:  
ABSENT:  

APPROVED:

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Kevin Romick, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Libby Vreonis, City Clerk  Date