



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Resolution extending the Proclamation of Local Emergency
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Type of Item: Legislative

Recommendation

Approve a Resolution extending the Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, signed by the City Manager on March 12, 2020. Without an extension by the City Council, the proclamation expires on April 11, 2020.

Background

On March 12, 2020, the City Manager declared a local emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Under Utah Code section 53-2a-208(1)(a) and Park City Code 2-4-3L, the City Manager may declare a local emergency by a proclamation which may be in effect for up to 30 days. Utah Code section 53-2a-208(1)(b) requires the consent of the City Council to extend the local emergency.

An extension is recommended because the COVID-19 emergency is ongoing. Although modeling the progress of COVID-19 varies, the Joint Stay-at-Home Public Health Order issued by Summit County and the Summit County Health Department extends until at least May 1. Extending the emergency allows the Mayor and the City Manager to continue exercising necessary emergency powers. The proposed extension is through May 14, 2020, allowing the Council to revisit this item after Summit County reviews the Stay-at-Home Order.

Specifically, the proposed Resolution continues the emergency and ratifies the City Manager's actions, which were authorized by the Mayor:

1. Temporary licenses for Intermountain Healthcare and University of Utah Health to use the Park City Ice Arena for COVID-19 testing.
2. Suspension of the requirement that all contracts over \$25,000 be approved by City Council. The City Manager's authority has been increased to \$250,000 if the contracts provide for the continuation of necessary operations.
3. The City Manager is in the process of identifying funds that can be allocated to organizations providing basic needs—food, housing, healthcare—to vulnerable local communities. The Council will hold a public hearing on April 30, 2020.
4. An extension of approved building permits and plat amendments with expiration dates between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020, will be extended until October 1, 2020. The Planning and Building Departments will reevaluate the extension date on September 1, 2020.

5. An ongoing commitment from the City Manager to consult with the Mayor before exercising his administrative authority where the decisions impact the budget.

Department Review

Executive and Legal

Funding Source

Funding aspects of this proposal will be addressed at a future meeting.

Attachments

Exhibit A: March 12, 2020 Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency

Exhibit B: Proposed Resolution Extending the Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency