

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE CITY MANAGER/EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR  
REGARDING COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 4 ,2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the State of California due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Santa Clara County declared an emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, thus enabling Santa Clara County to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of Sunnyvale residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the City may require additional assistance in the future, and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the City in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency, as defined by Sunnyvale Municipal Code Chapter 2.16; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Sunnyvale does hereby find that extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety, and of persons and property within the City of Sunnyvale, that are or are likely to be beyond the control or capability of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is not in session and cannot be immediately called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Sunnyvale due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by the Charter, by ordinances and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Sunnyvale Emergency Plan, as approved by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this emergency proclamation shall expire in 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale.

Date: March 12, 2020

  
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Kent Steffens  
Director of Emergency Services/City Manager