

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS CITY MANAGER/EMERGENCY SERVICES
DIRECTOR REGARDING COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8558(c) authorizes the declaration of a local emergency and defines a local emergency as “the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by conditions such as . . . epidemic . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat . . . ,”; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 4-1.05 of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code (Powers and duties of the Director and Assistant Director of Emergency Services) empowers the City Manager, serving as the Director of Emergency Services to declare and proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a "local emergency" if the City Council is in not is session. Whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the Director, the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven (7) days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect; 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 declared a public emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2020, Santa Clara County declared a local health emergency and proclaimed a local emergency; 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 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a new executive order further enhancing state and local government’s ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic; and

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

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

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency, as defined by Los Altos Hills Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 1; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Manager, acting in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services, proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the Town of Los Altos Hills, commencing on March 16, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as required by Government Code Section 8630, the City Council shall review the need for continuing the local emergency within seven (7) days and thereafter at least once every 60 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency, and shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; 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 Town shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances and resolutions of this Town.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this proclamation shall become effective immediately, and that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council.

Date: March 16, 2020



Carl Cahill
City Manager and Director Emergency Services

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