



Staff Report

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Todd Parton, City Manager
DATE: May 5, 2020
SUBJECT: **Review of Local Emergency Declaration Established via the Adoption of City of Beaumont Resolution No. 2020-07 Adopted on March 17, 2020**

Background and Analysis:

On March 17, 2020, the City Council passed and approved Resolution No. 2020-07 ("Resolution") which authorized the City Manager to execute a declaration of the existence of a local emergency in the City of Beaumont. Approval of the Resolution was in response to the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of the COVID – 19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom's declaration of a state of emergency for all California, and the increase of infections within the City of Beaumont and the immediate area.

The emergency declaration must be reviewed every 60 days in order to determine whether conditions exist for its continuance.

An emergency declaration was executed upon adoption of Resolution No. 2020-07. The emergency declaration empowers the City Manager to:

1. Make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency;
2. Obtain vital supplies, equipment and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property, and to bind the City for the fair value thereof;
3. Require emergency services of any City officer or employee, and, in the event of the proclamation of a state of emergency in Riverside County, to command the aid of as many citizens of Beaumont as is deemed necessary by the City Manager for the execution of the City Manager's duties; such persons shall be entitled to all privileges, benefits and immunities as are provided by state law for registered disaster service workers;

4. Requisition necessary personnel or material to any City department or agency;
and
5. Execute all ordinary duties and powers of the City Manager as well as special powers conferred by the Beaumont Municipal Code, by resolution or emergency plan adopted by the City Council, and all other powers conferred by the City Council and any other lawful authority.

As of the time that this memorandum was prepared, there had been no significant cessation of the conditions that originally warranted the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-07. The COVID – 19 pandemic originally declared by the WHO was still in place, Governor Newsom’s emergency declaration remained in effect, and the City of Beaumont was still experiencing new cases of infection.

Should Beaumont’s emergency declaration remain in effect, it will be brought back to the City Council for consideration no later than June 16, 2020. Should the City Council desire that a local emergency declaration is no longer required, an amending resolution will be presented for City Council consideration at the next regular City Council meeting of May 19, 2020, or earlier at a special meeting convened by the City Council for that purpose.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no costs resulting from the continuation of a local state of emergency. City estimates that preparation of this report cost approximately \$175.

Recommended Action:

City staff recommends that there be no change regarding the local emergency declaration. This is due to the fact that there have been no significant changes in the original conditions, a State emergency declaration remains in effect and the local emergency declaration helps to ensure that Beaumont remains eligible for federal and state emergency aid.

Attachments:

- A. City of Beaumont Resolution No. 2020-07