



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Todd Parton, City Manager
DATE: September 21, 2021
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. This emergency declaration was reviewed by the City Council on June 15, 2021, and was not modified.

The City Council's adoption of Resolution No. 2020-07 established the existing emergency declaration and empowered 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 new cases of infection were still being diagnosed within Beaumont’s immediate area.

If Beaumont’s emergency declaration remains in effect, it will be brought back to the City Council for consideration no later than November 16, 2021. In the event that the City Council determines 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 October 5, 2021, 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 staff estimates that preparation of this report cost to be approximately \$75.

Recommended Action:

City staff recommends waiting for the Governor Newsom’s official announcement on the status of the State’s emergency declaration before making any change regarding the local emergency declaration. This is to ensure that Beaumont remains eligible for federal and state emergency aid.

Attachments:

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