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## City Council Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Legal and Purchasing

**FROM:** Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney/Compliance Manager

**MEETING:** December 12, 2022

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of a minute order continuing and renewing the 13<sup>th</sup> Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency regarding Covid-19 dated March 7, 2022, through December 31, 2022. (*Staff Contact: Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney/Compliance Manager*)

**SUMMARY:**

Staff is recommending that the Council continue and renew the current declaration through December 31, 2022, and on January 1, 2023, the current declaration will expire and terminate.

Regarding the current declaration of local disaster and public health emergency, Mayor Chris Fletcher issued and City Council simultaneously continued and renewed the current declaration on March 7, 2022.

The current declaration keeps the emergency declaration in place and continues to implement the City's Emergency Operations Plan. The current declaration incorporates Governor Abbott's executive orders. Additionally, the declaration (i) does not have a requirement that citizens wear a facial covering, (ii) does not limit the occupancy of businesses, (iii) does not restrict groups from gathering in certain numbers, (iv) do not require businesses to adopt a health and safety policy, (v) does not include a vaccine mandate, and (vi) does not require vaccine passports.

A summary of some of the provisions included and excluded in the current declaration is below:

Possible Emergency Declaration Provisions		
Declaration Provisions	Current Declaration	
	Included	Excluded
Emergency Declaration	X	
Implements City's Emergency Operations Plan	X	
Incorporates Governor's executive orders	X	
Authorizes the City Manager to close any City park		X

Authorizes the City Manager to make emergency purchases of up to \$100,000 (\$200,000 aggregate)		<b>X</b>
Allows emergency measures necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including regulating ingress and egress from the City		<b>X</b>
Requires facial coverings		<b>X</b>
Limits the occupancy of businesses		<b>X</b>
Restricts groups from gathering in certain numbers		<b>X</b>
Requires businesses to adopt a health and safety policy		<b>X</b>

On November 18, 2022, Governor Abbott continued and renewed the state's disaster proclamation regarding Covid-19 for all Texas counties.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Continue and renew the current declaration through December 31, 2022.
- 2) Continue and renew the current declaration through another date in the future.
- 3) Take no action, and allow the current declaration to expire on December 13, 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Continue and renew the current declaration through December 31, 2022.

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

Mayor Chris Fletcher issued and City Council simultaneously continued and renewed a 13<sup>th</sup> declaration on March 7, 2022. On July 5, 2022, the City Council continued and renewed the 13<sup>th</sup> declaration through December 12, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

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