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CITY OF BEND

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**TO: NATHAN GARIBAY, DESCHUTES COUNTY EMERGENCY  
MANAGER**

**FROM: ERIC KING, CITY MANAGER**

**DATE: 07/19/21**

**RE: EMERGENCY ORDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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The extended heat wave in late June 2021 created unsafe conditions for the unhoused members of our community. Further, the extreme heat combined with drought and dry fuel conditions created extreme fire risk as we approached the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday with traditions such as use of personal fireworks. The City declared an emergency on June 28, 2021 to allow the City to “relax, adjust or waive any standards, criteria or application of the Bend Municipal Code, Bend Development Code or other regulations for the purpose of addressing the public health emergency” caused by the heat. Further, the Emergency Order states that “use of any and all fireworks within the City of Bend during this emergency is strictly prohibited.”

Due to the continued heat, the public health concerns stemming from the heat and the continued extreme fire risk, the Emergency Order was extended through August 31, 2021 on July 8, 2021.

Per section 1.60.015 of the Bend Municipal Code, the City Manager is required to submit the Emergency Order to the Deschutes County Emergency Manager for County Commissioner approval. See below for that citation:

#### 1.60.015 Emergency Declaration

A declaration of a state of emergency within the City of Bend may be issued by the City Manager. Prior to declaring an emergency, the City Manager will make reasonable efforts to contact City Councilors to inform them of the need to declare an emergency. The City Manager will submit the declaration of emergency to the Deschutes County Emergency Manager for County Commissioner approval. At its next City Council



meeting, the Council shall consider ratification of the declaration of emergency. [Ord. NS-2159, 2011]

Please accept this memo and the two attached Emergency Orders in support of this request. If you have any questions relating to this issue or would like City staff support at the County Commissioner meeting please contact Jon Skidmore at 541-693-2175 or [jskidmore@bendoregon.gov](mailto:jskidmore@bendoregon.gov)

Thank you.

