



FRUITA
COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER

DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

AGENDA TEXT: RESOLUTION 2023-13 – Rescinding the City Manager’s Declaration of Local Emergency of March 24, 2020 and Resolution 2020-20 – Extending the City of Fruita Emergency Declaration of March 24, 2020

BACKGROUND

As authorized by Section 24-33.5-709(1), C.R.S., City Manager Mike Bennett issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency on March 24, 2020 in response to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic that caused widespread human and economic impacts to the City of Fruita, Mesa County, the state of Colorado, across the United States and across the world. An intended effect of the declaration of disaster was to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to seek and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans. Copies of the declaration were filed with the Mesa County Emergency Manager, Colorado Office of Emergency Management, Mesa County Clerk and Recorder and City Clerk.

Pursuant to state law, a City Manager’s Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is only effective for seven days unless extended by City Council. On March 26, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-20 to extend the declaration until such time as City Council determines COVID-19 no longer poses an imminent threat to the Fruita community. Resolution 2020-20 was also filed with the Mesa County Emergency Manager, Colorado Office of Emergency Management and Mesa County Clerk and Recorder.

A little over three years later, the threat and impacts of COVID-19 have lessened to the point that on May 11, 2023, both the Federal Government and State of Colorado ended their emergency declarations related to the virus. As such, staff recommends that the City Council rescind both the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency of March 24, 2020 and Resolution 2020-20 that extended the declaration.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City of Fruita strives to align all efforts to positively impact the Quality of Place, Economic Health, and Lifestyle of the community and finds that rescinding the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency and Resolution 2020-20 is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Adopt Resolution 2023-13 - Rescinding the City Manager's Declaration of Local Emergency of March 24, 2020 and Resolution 2020-20 – Extending the City of Fruita Emergency Declaration of March 24, 2020
2. Deny Resolution 2023-13 by not rescinding the City Manager's Declaration of Local Emergency of March 24, 2020 and Resolution 2020-20 – Extending the City of Fruita Emergency Declaration of March 24, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the City Council, by motion:

- **ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-13 - RESCINDING THE CITY MANAGER'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY OF MARCH 24, 2020 AND RESOLUTION 2020-20 – EXTENDING THE CITY OF FRUITA EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF MARCH 24, 2020**