



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

Recommendation: Continuance of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

Prepared by: Timothy M. Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 1/11/2022

Date Prepared: 1/6/2022

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: On March 5, 2020 the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Grass Valley and the Disaster Council (Vice Mayor Aguilar and Councilmember Arbuckle), declared a local State of Emergency to ensure emergency personnel can obtain equipment and resources in the most timely and effective manner. In accordance with the Emergency Services Act Section 8630 (b) the governing body must ratify the declared emergency within 7 days for it to remain in effect. On March 10, 2020, at the Grass Valley City Council Meeting, the City Council approved Resolution 2020-09, Proclamation of Local Emergency. The City Council shall review, at its regularly scheduled meeting until the local emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local emergency.

On March 16, 2020, the City Manager, acting as the Director of the Emergency Services for the City of Grass Valley and the Disaster Council (all five Council Members), declared that all commercial places of public assembly with a Fire Code occupancy limit of 25 or more persons shall no longer operate for commercial purposes. Places of public assembly include, but are not limited to, movie theaters, performing arts venues, and auditoriums. This action does not include restaurants, and/or similar uses, and does not override the First Amendment right of persons to congregate for non-commercial activities. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Disaster Council approved, at the Director of Emergency Services' request, waiving the administrative charges for using credit cards to pay utility bills for the next 60 days. For more information, see attached Grass Valley Disaster Council Order 2020-01.

On April 14, 2020, the City Council authorized a local financial emergency and the necessity to layoff multiple city employees to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Council Goals/Objectives: Continuance of the proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency due to prepare against coronavirus COVID-19 executes portions of City Strategic Goal #6: Public Safety. The City of Grass Valley is devoted to providing a safe Place to Live, Work and Play.

Fiscal Impact: The Fiscal Impact is anticipated to be a loss of more than \$940,000 in the General Fund and a loss of \$550,000 in the Measure E Sales Tax fund over the rest of this Fiscal Year and Fiscal Year 2020-21. The changing variants of COVID19 make it very difficult to anticipate the Fiscal Impact moving forward. For FY 2021/22, it appears the impacts will be minimal compared to previous years, but due to the constantly changing impacts of COVID-19 the actual fiscal impact may change.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: ___ City Manager

Attachments: None