



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2023

PRESENTER: John Jansons, City Manager

SUBJECT: Rescinding Resolution 20-15 Proclaiming a Local Emergency within the City due to COVID-19 (JAJ)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt a resolution rescinding Resolution No. 20-15 terminating the proclamation of a local emergency within the City due to COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: On March 17, 2020, the City Council (Council) adopted Resolution 20-15, declaring the existence of a local emergency due to COVID-19. As COVID-19 and its impact on the local medical system have subsided, it is no longer an immediate emergency. Therefore, the emergency proclamation and related executive orders may be terminated.

It is recommended that the Council deems that the Local Emergency within the City due to COVID-19 no longer exists and adopts a resolution rescinding Resolution 20-15 and thereby terminating the proclamation of a local emergency related to COVID-19 and certain related executive orders issued by the Director of Emergency Services and ratified by the Council.

DISCUSSION: The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) was first detected in Wuhan City, Province, China, in December 2019. On March 15, 2020, the State of California and the President of the United States proclaimed County, State, and National emergencies due to COVID-19.

By March 15, Fresno County proclaimed a local health emergency. On March 17, 2020, the Council adopted Resolution 20-15 declaring the existence of a local emergency due to COVID-19. Resolution 20-15 specified that the termination of the proclamation could be made upon a determination that the local emergency no longer exists.

On February 28, 2023, the proclaimed State of Emergency pertaining to COVID-19 will end for the State of California. Therefore, the emergency proclamation and related executive orders may be terminated.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution

Attachment 'A'

RESOLUTION NO. 23- __

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-15 AND THEREBY TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19 AND CERTAIN RELATED EMERGENCY POLICIES ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RATIFIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 spread outside of China, impacting the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the CDC activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the country; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center, and the Office of Emergency Services activated the State Operations Center to provide support and guide actions to preserve public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for the State of California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of California enacted Executive Order N-25-20 detailing specific crisis related actions and orders and proclaiming a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States issued a Proclamation declaring a National Emergency, do hereby find and proclaim that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the County of Fresno proclaimed a local emergency which was ratified on March 16, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council of the City of Kerman proclaimed the existence of a local state of emergency relating to COVID-19 throughout the City of Kerman setting in place the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Kerman to help establish local orders and to further address the health and safety of the Kerman community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2022, Governor Newsom announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end for the state of California effective February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, since the City Council's proclamation of a local emergency, various emergency policies have been issued by the Director of Emergency Services and ratified by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman and surrounding communities were supported throughout the local emergency by Fresno County Department of Public Health through education, testing, and treatment resources related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the case incidence of COVID-19 cases in the City has significantly subsided; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, the City Council, after reviewing the need for continuing the local emergency, has determined that conditions no longer exist to warrant continuing the local emergency beyond the timeframe identified by the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kerman resolves and orders as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference.
2. The City of Kerman will continue to work collaboratively with the Fresno County Department of Public Health to support continued efforts to minimize and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
3. The City Council hereby rescinds Resolution No. 20-15 and thereby terminates the proclamation of a local emergency related to COVID-19 and certain related emergency directives and policies as listed below issued by the Director of Emergency Services and ratified by the City Council.
 - a. COVID-19: Prevention Programs, Protection Policies, and Response Directives as detailed in City Council Resolutions: 20-22, 20-25, 20-30, 20-36, 20-47, 20-48, 20-60, 20-64, 20-86, 20-93, and 20-98
4. This Resolution shall take effect February 28, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of February 2023 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marci Reyes
City Clerk