

RESOLUTION NO. 2020R-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZONA, DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND ORDER TO COMBAT COVID-19

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Bullhead City, Arizona or his/her designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Bullhead City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern on January 30, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020, and the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020, and the Governor of Arizona declared an emergency due to COVID-19 and issued Executive Order 2020-07 providing proactive measures to protect Against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Doug Ducey and Superintendent Kathy Hoffman on March 15, 2020 announced a statewide closure of Arizona schools from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the COVID-19 Bullhead City Incident Command Team formed as resource needs increased in reference to COVID-19; to include enhanced communications to the public through press releases, cooperater meetings and delivery of information via social media; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bullhead City continues to plan and prepare for events and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs, and enhanced communications to employees to ensure effective continuity of operations of City government through the activation of the City Continuity of Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, prudence requires the precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and it's threat to the public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic recovery of Bullhead City; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, and welfare, and to the economic recovery of Bullhead City; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat of COVID-19 is widespread across the State and nearby Clark County, Nevada and precautionary measures are necessary to curtail the imminent impact on numerous homes and businesses in Bullhead City because it is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in Bullhead City; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable the City of Bullhead City to

provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political sub-divisions and entities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and the members of the Bullhead City Council hereby declare that a local emergency now exists in the City of Bullhead City and order, direct and authorize the City Manager to implement any procedures and take any action he deems necessary to carry out the intent of this Declaration, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the Mohave County Public Health Department, State of Arizona, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the City of Bullhead City to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bullhead City, Arizona, this 17th day of March, 2020.

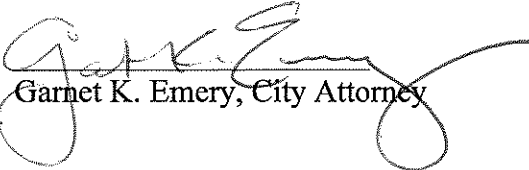


Tom Brady, Mayor

Date: 3/18/20

ATTEST:

Susan Stein, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Garnet K. Emery, City Attorney