

RESOLUTION 177-2020
THE CITY OF WENDELL
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all citizens of the City of Wendell is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified as a respiratory disease which can result in serious illness or death. The threat of COVID-19 is imminent to the State of Idaho and the City of Wendell; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic and declared the outbreak an international public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 46-1011 allows the mayor of a City to declare a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code 46-1011(1) authorizes the extension of a mayor's declaration beyond seven (7) days by, or with the consent of, the City Council.

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 46-1002(2) defines "disaster" as the "imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause..."; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 46-1002(3) provides that an "emergency" "means occurrence or imminent threat of a disaster or condition threatening life or property that requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to save lives and protect property or to avert or lessen the threat of disaster;" and

WHEREAS, a local disaster emergency, as defined in Idaho Code Sections 461002(2) and (3) exists in the City of Wendell due to the imminent threat to life and health by the international outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 46-1011(2), a mayor's declaration of a local disaster emergency activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Sections 46-1003(2), (3), (4), and (6) authorize the City of Wendell to: prevent and reduce damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from natural or man-made catastrophes; prepare assistance for prompt and efficient search, rescue, care, and treatment of persons injured, victimized or threatened by disaster; provide for rapid and orderly restoration and rehabilitation of person and property affected by disasters; and to work in cooperation of disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code 67-2808 authorizes the City Council to declare that an emergency exists and that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money if there is a great public calamity or the need for emergency work to safeguard life, health, or property.

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WHEREAS, the public interest and necessity may demand the immediate expenditure of public money to secure materials, equipment, and services from private and public entities to provide disaster emergency relief and assistance to persons threatened, injured, or victimized by the unhealthy, unsafe, and unsustainable conditions of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, an emergency declaration must be filed with the Gooding County Recorder's Office and "given prompt and general publicity;" and


WHEREAS, invoking these sections of Idaho Code allow the City of Wendell to: more efficiently allocate funds to combat COVID-19, gain access to Federal and State emergency funds, and further reduce costs to the citizens of Wendell by limiting the liability of taking these actions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Dunn, Mayor of Wendell, Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Idaho Code Section 46-1011 do hereby find and therefore proclaim and declare that:

1. A local disaster emergency exists in the City of Wendell and that all efforts shall be made to protect the citizens of the City of Wendell through activation of all local disaster emergency plans, utilization of City of Wendell and state emergency resources, and to do all things reasonably possible to assist those individuals threatened, injured, or victimized by COVID-19; and
2. The Wendell City Council consents to the extension of this Declaration beyond seven (7) days and orders that this Declaration shall remain in effect until a declaration terminating the local disaster emergency is issued by the City Council, or by the City Manager, subject to confirmation by the City Council at the earliest practicable time; and
3. This Declaration, shall be promptly filed with the Gooding County Recorder's Office; and
4. Once the threat to public health and safety has ended, this Declaration shall be terminated, and such termination shall be promptly filed with the Gooding County Recorder's Office; and
5. Prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2020.


Wendell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wendell, City Clerk