

CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO, REGARDING COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.* (the “Act”), provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, an “emergency” is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures, and includes an “emergency epidemic” caused by communicable disease such as pandemic influenza or novel or highly fatal infectious agents; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency in response to the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, to ensure that resources are available to the state to combat the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, acknowledging its anticipated worldwide spread; and

WHEREAS, as of Sunday, March 15, 2020, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has reported 12 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to the City of Golden, and the City of Golden is suffering and has suffered a disaster emergency as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic may be far in excess of the City’s available resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, declaration of a local disaster emergency will assist and permit access to local emergency funds; federal, state, and county assistance; and adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public’s health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety of the City and its residents to rapidly address community spread of COVID-19 and subsequent cascading impacts, such as economic distress, and to further protect the health and safety of the public by declaring an emergency in the City of Golden; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Golden, as principal executive officer of the City of Golden, is authorized to unilaterally declare a local disaster pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. There is hereby declared to be a local disaster emergency in the City of Golden, Colorado, due to the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this Declaration shall be 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, and for the Mayor, City Manager, and other appropriate City staff to exercise those functions and be vested with such authority as set forth in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 and in the Golden Charter and Municipal Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration shall be effective upon the date and time given below and shall remain in effect for a period of seven days unless rescinded or extended by the Golden City Council prior to expiration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall forthwith:

1. Publish and disseminate this Declaration to the public, including but not limited to on the City's website and to the local news media;

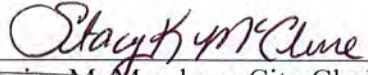
2. File a copy of this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency with the City Clerk, and direct the City Clerk to immediately file copies of this Declaration with the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management and the State of Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

SIGNED and made immediately effective this 17 day of March, 2020, at 4 o'clock a.m./p.m.

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Jason T. Slowinski, City Manager

ATTEST:


~~Monica M. Mendoza, City Clerk~~
Stacy K. McClure, Deputy City Clerk

