



## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**From: Grant Yates, City Manager**

**Date: October 13, 2020**

**Subject: Continued Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19)**

### **Recommendation**

Find the need to continue the local emergency related to COVID-19 consistent with the findings and proclamations set forth in Resolution No. 2020-18 and Resolution No. 2020-52.

### **Background**

The Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 due to the introduction of COVID-19 in the State of California. On March 8, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Riverside County, which declaration was ratified by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, the City Manager in his capacity as Disaster Director proclaimed a local emergency throughout the City of Lake Elsinore finding that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property existed in the City related to the COVID-19 outbreak and that efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate and recover from the increasing spread of COVID-19 imposed extraordinary demands which exceed the City's resources and are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City.

On March 24, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-18 Ratifying The Proclamation Of Local Emergency And Proclaiming The Existence Of A Local Emergency (COVID-19), and on June 9, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-52 finding and proclaiming the continued existence of a local emergency (COVID-19).

### **Discussion**

Following the adoption by the City Council of the Proclamation of Local Emergency, State law and the Lake Elsinore Municipal Code require the City Council periodically review the necessity for continuing the local emergency until the emergency is terminated.

With 1,239 confirmed cases and 21 deaths in the City of Lake Elsinore as of September 30, 2020 and 61,1330 cases and 1,247 deaths reported in Riverside County as of October 7, 2020, COVID-19 remains a serious threat to public health and the pandemic is continuing in the City of Lake Elsinore, County of Riverside, State of California, and throughout the United States. All levels of government are working diligently to address these risks, including extraordinary efforts by the County of Riverside to coordinate with cities within the County to disseminate information, provide guidance and other important information, and to issue and enforce public health orders.