

**CITY OF YUCAIPA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM:  Raymond A. Casey, City Manager
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FOR: City Council Meeting of July 13, 2020
SUBJECT: Extend Declaration of Local Emergency Due to COVID-19

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council extend the declaration of a local emergency approved on March 18, due to the continued existence of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

BACKGROUND:

On March 16, 2020, the City Council held an Emergency Meeting to receive a status report regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic and directed staff to close the Scherer Community Center.

On March 18, 2020, the City Council held a second Emergency Meeting to adopt Resolution No. 2020-16, declaring a local emergency due to COVID-19 through April 6, 2020, and approved the closure of the Community Center and the Performing Arts Center, cancelled all park rentals, and modified public access to City Hall until further notice.

On March 23, 2020, City Council approved the closure of City fire stations and playgrounds/playground equipment at City parks until further notice; approved the Telecommuting Under the Pandemic Flu Policy for City employees; approved personnel policy revisions allowing sick time use consistent with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), and approved the staggering of shifts for City employees, until further notice.

On April 13, 2020, City Council approved the continuation of the local emergency and adopted executive Order No. 20-01 ratifying the emergency recreational vehicle parking regulations. Pursuant to Yucaipa Municipal Code 8.36.160 and Section 8630 of the California Government Code, City Council shall review, at least every fourteen (14) days, until such local emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local emergency. However, with the State Emergency Declaration being extended in thirty (30) day increments and given that the time between City Council meetings at times exceeds 14 days, staff is recommending that City Council waive the 14-day extension requirement for the remainder of the emergency. Such declaration facilitates the City's response to combat perilous conditions by providing limited immunity for emergency actions of public employees and governing bodies, authorizing the issuance of orders and regulations to protect life and property, and activating pre-established local emergency provisions such as special purchasing and contracting procedures.

On May 11, 2020 City Council adopted resolution No. 2020-29 ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency.

On June 22, 2020, City Council approved the continuation of the local emergency.

Staff recommends that City Council extend the declaration of the local emergency until August 10, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The extension of this declaration of local emergency will maintain the City's compliance with State and Federal requirements for emergency response and promote the City's eligibility to receive State and Federal emergency assistance funds.