



# CITY OF MANTECA

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Administration Department

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 15, 2020

UPDATE: 3/15/20 at 1:00 p.m.

## **PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The City of Manteca has proclaimed a local emergency in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the effects it is having on the city.

Today, City Manager Miranda Lutzow issued a Proclamation, effective March 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. The Proclamation provides the City Manager with additional authority needed in an effort to protect the public health and safety.

Some of the important aspects of the Proclamation are the authority to enforce gathering limits beyond what was established by the State of California, closure of city and non-city facilities, ability to access reserve funding to expedite purchasing of needed supplies, and allows Public Safety a broader scope of authority to protect life and property.

Ms. Lutzow added "The Proclamation will greatly assist in the protection of Manteca citizens. Removing the red-tape surrounding both the use of funds for emergency purposes, and eliminating bureaucracy of state purchasing requirements, will help us expedite our efforts." City Council will ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency during their March 17, 2020, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

For the latest coronavirus information, visit <https://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/Administration/Pages/coronavirus-information.aspx>. This webpage will also be updated with impacts to the city's operations related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE  
CITY OF MANTECA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BY  
THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Manteca ("City") Municipal Code Section 2.44.060 empowers the Director of Emergency Services for the "City" to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manteca Municipal Code Section 2.44.050 appoints the City Manager of the City as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the State of California due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, the County of San Joaquin reported a total of 8 cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States as a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril arising from COVID-19 warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Manteca.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED:

1. That the Director of Emergency Services hereby finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property do warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency throughout the City of Manteca.
2. That the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Manteca proclaims the existence of a local emergency within the City of Manteca on March 15, 2020.
3. That during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City.
4. That this emergency proclamation shall expire seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the City Council.
5. That the City may request any available funding from the California Disaster Assistance Act, the Small Business Administration, and/or any other funding available as a result of this proclamation of local emergency.
6. Effective date. This proclamation shall become effective immediately.

Dated: March 15, 2020

BY:



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Miranda Lutzow Interim City Manager  
Director of Emergency Services  
City of Manteca

ATTEST:



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Lisa Blackmon, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: /s/ John Brinton, City Attorney