



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: COVID-19 State of Local Emergency
DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Pam Powell

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council terminating the State of Local Emergency Regarding COVID-19.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

DISCUSSION

California Government Code section 8630 authorizes local governing bodies to proclaim local emergencies when such events occur as defined by California Government Code section 8558(c), provided further by section 8630 that the local governing body must review the state of emergency at least every sixty days until the emergency is declared to be terminated and shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. As a result of the threat of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California (Governor Newsom) declared a state of emergency. Shortly afterwards, on March 11, 2020, the City Manager of the City of San Diego proclaimed the existence of a local emergency related to the COVID-19 threat, which was confirmed by Eureka City Council (City Council) on March 23, 2020, by Resolution No.2020-17. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the County of Humboldt Public Health Official (Public Health Official), and the City Manager, have issued directives and guidance to state and local residents that include limiting activities outside the home, housing the unsheltered population, requiring masks to be worn while indoors in public places, practicing safe-distancing measures, isolating if diagnosed with, or likely to have COVID-19, and administering vaccinations.

On October 17, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that the State of California's COVID-19 state of emergency will end on February 28, 2023, citing that California has

the tools needed to continue fighting COVID-19 when the State of Emergency terminates, including vaccines and boosters, testing, treatments, and other mitigation measures such as masking and indoor ventilation. The current local emergency regarding COVID-19 is recommended to with Governor Newsome's order and terminate on February 23, 2024. While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly affect the safety of persons and property within the City of Eureka, the conditions necessitating the local emergency due to COVID-19 are steadily improving and will be sufficiently abated by February 28, 2023, such that the local emergency will no longer be warranted and may be terminated at that time. Staff recommends that the Council continue the current local emergency until February 28, 2023 to ensure alignment with the end of the State of California's COVID-19 State of Emergency.