

**CITY OF CLOVERDALE
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOVERDALE RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE, LNU LIGHTNING COMPLEX - WALBRIDGE FIRE AND HIGH FIRE RISK WEATHER CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, Section 2.44.060 of the Cloverdale Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session and the City is affected or likely to be affected by an emergency. The Director of Emergency Services can issue such proclamation of local emergency under his own authority with Council ratification within seven (7) days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Cloverdale Municipal Code section 2.44.050 designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Cloverdale Municipal Code Section 2.44.020 defines an emergency as the "actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the city caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot or earthquake, or other conditions, including conditions resulting from war or imminent threat of war, but other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this city, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat"; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2020 the Director of Emergency Services declared an emergency due to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City, caused by the Walbridge Fire that is part of the LNU Complex Fire affecting Napa, Lake, Solano and Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, during the time period of August 14, 2020 – August 16, 2020, a series of dry lightning storm occurred in Northern California, which started various lightening induced wildfires in Sonoma, Lake and Napa County; and

WHEREAS, the fires referred to by CalFire as the Lake Napa unit (LNU) Complex Fire included the Walbridge Fire (formerly "11-16"), the Stewarts which merged with the Walbridge fire, and Meyers fire (formerly "13-4") in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the LNU Fire Complex exacerbated other disaster conditions including extreme heat, rolling power outages, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; which have significantly impacted county and community operations and recourse; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020, the Sonoma County Director of Emergency Management issued Proclamation of a Local Emergency for County of Sonoma due to fires; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California Proclaimed a State of Emergency exists statewide due to fires burning statewide on August 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On August 21, 2020, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency in Sonoma County due to the LNU Lightning Complex Fires; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2020, FEMA issued a Federal Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4558-DR) for Wildfire in various County including Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service have advised of other weather events this week and in the immediate future that presents new high-risk fire conditions (low humidity, high temperatures, and wind events) that potentially impact operations related to the Walbridge Fire; and

WHEREAS, the response to the fire events resulted in the need to activate and open the City of Cloverdale Emergency Operation Centers (EOC); and

WHEREAS, the on-going Walbridge Fire and on-going high fire risk weather conditions, warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency because the conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that for said conditions of peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency issued by the City Manager, acting as Director of Emergency Services, attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby confirmed and ratified by the Cloverdale City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, the proclamation of a local emergency is further substantiated by the State's emergency proclamation for Sonoma County and the on-going risks presented by high-risk weather conditions and the sudden loss of electrical power and gas service; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that said local emergency shall be deemed as continuing to exist until proclaimed otherwise by the Director of Emergency Services and the Cloverdale City Council.

The foregoing Resolution No. ____-2020 was duly introduced and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cloverdale at its special meeting held on the 26th day of August 2020 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Gus Wolter, Mayor

Irene Camacho-Werby, City Clerk

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Proclamation of the existence of a local emergency issued by the City Manager



**A PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
OF THE CITY OF CLOVERDALE DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
RELATED TO THE WALBRIDGE FIRE**

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (California Government Code section 8630, 8550 *et seq.*) empowers the City Council to designate by ordinance a local official with the power to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session so long as such proclamation is ratified by the City Council within seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, Cloverdale Municipal Code section 2.44.050 designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8558(c) and defines a local emergency as “duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic [...], which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.” Cloverdale Municipal Code Section 2.44.020 defines an emergency as the actual or threatened existence of conditions similar to Government Code section 8558(c); and;

WHEREAS, Cloverdale Municipal Code section 2.44.060, authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session, subject to confirmation by the City Council within seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

1. On Sunday August 16, 2020, a series of dry lightning storm occurred in Northern California, which started various lightening induced wildfires in Sonoma, Lake and Napa County on August 17th at 6:40 a.m. referred to by CalFire as the Lake Napa unit (LNU) Lightening Complex Fire; and

2. Two (2) wildland fires within the LNU Lightening Complex Fire included the Walbridge fire (formerly “11-16”) (Stewarts merged with Walbridge fire) and Meyers fire (formerly “13-4”) are located in Sonoma County; and

3. The Walbridge wildfire broke out near Lake Sonoma and Skaggs Springs Road in Northeast Sonoma County in close proximity to the City of Cloverdale prompting mandatory and advisory evacuations. Due to extreme dry, hot conditions and rugged terrain, the fire quickly spread over the course of 24 hours resulting in multiple evacuations in communities south and east of the City of Cloverdale; and

4. Conditions of extreme peril caused by these fires are exacerbated by extreme heat and fire danger weather, conditions of air quality, rolling power outages, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which have impacted significant City and community operations and resources, and require the provision of additional public safety, health and emergency services; and

5. An emergency exists due to the Walbridge fire and high fire risk weather conditions that may result in additional fires. The current fire conditions combined with extremely hot and humid weather patterns warrant declaring the existence of a local emergency because the conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.



NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services that pursuant to the findings described above in this Proclamation, a local emergency exists in accordance with the California Emergency Services Act and Chapter 2.44 of the Cloverdale Municipal Code.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Cloverdale's Emergency Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this local emergency shall continue to exist not longer than seven (7) days, unless this action is further ratified by the City Council. The City Council shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at 2:00 pm this 25th of August 2020.

By: _____ David Kelley
City Manager and
Director of Emergency Services

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