

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO, REGARDING COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.* (the “Act”), provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters and emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, an “emergency” is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures, and includes an “emergency epidemic” caused by communicable disease such as pandemic influenza or novel or highly fatal infectious agents; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency in response to the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, to ensure that resources are available to the state to combat the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, acknowledging its anticipated worldwide spread; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, Boulder County announced its first positive case of COVID-19, and the Chair of the Board of the Boulder County Commissioners declared a local disaster emergency in unincorporated Boulder County, Colorado, citing the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to the City of Lafayette, and the City of Lafayette is suffering and has suffered a disaster emergency as defined in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic may be far in excess of the City’s available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, declaration of a local disaster emergency will assist and permit access to local emergency funds; federal, state, and county assistance; and adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public’s health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety of the City and its residents to rapidly address community spread of COVID-19 and subsequent cascading impacts, such as economic distress, and to further protect the health and safety of the public by declaring an emergency in the City of Lafayette; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Lafayette, as principal executive officer of the City of Lafayette, is authorized to unilaterally declare a local disaster pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-

33.5-709 and Section 4.5 of the Lafayette Charter, and to activate the emergency management and operations plans of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. There is hereby declared to be a local disaster emergency in the City of Lafayette, Colorado, due to the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this Declaration shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to seek and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans, and for the Mayor, City Administrator, and other appropriate City staff to exercise those functions and be vested with such authority as set forth in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 and in the Lafayette Charter and Code of Ordinances.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Declaration shall be effective upon the date and time given below, and shall remain in effect for a period of seven days unless rescinded or extended by the Lafayette City Council prior to expiration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Administrator shall forthwith:

1. Publish and disseminate this Declaration to the public, including but not limited to on the City's website and to the local news media;

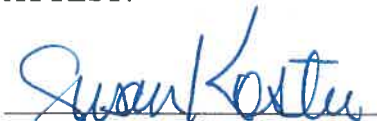
2. File a copy of this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency with the City Clerk, and direct the City Clerk to immediately file copies of this Declaration with the Boulder Office of Emergency Management and the State of Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

SIGNED and made immediately effective this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at 10:20 a.m./p.m.

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

  
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Jamie Hopkins, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Susan Koster, CMC, City Clerk

