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-
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 [7th] day of March, 2020, at [10:00 a.m./p.m.]

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Susan Koster, CMC, City Clerk