EXTENSION OF LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF LEBANON

JULY 14, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon has the authority granted under ORS Chapter 401 and the Emergency Operations Plan set forth in LMC 2.34, that provides direction to the City, its officials, and others in the event of an emergency that exists within the City, and which provides for responsibility in times of emergency and specifically delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the Emergency Program Director; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for the extension of the declaration of a state of emergency: Increasing cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Linn County, and the Linn County Board of Commissioners has extended a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in Linn County, Oregon; and The Governor of the State of Oregon has extended a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in the State of Oregon; and The President of the United States has declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-06 ratifying the original declaration of emergency issued by the Interim City Manager acting as Emergency Response Director, and provided authorization for the City Manager to extend the declaration without further ratification, so long as the conditions giving rise to the declaration exist; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-24 extending the State of Emergency until July 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-30 extending the State of Emergency until September 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, although previous efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon were effective, with the reopening of the State, the virus is continuing to circulate in the community, and per the Governor's Office and Oregon Health Authority, the number of cases are expected to increase as restrictions are lifted.

WHEREAS, rising case numbers have resulted in the State temporarily pausing the reopening process for a substantial fraction of the state's population, and most recently, issued additional requirements for the use of face coverings in many indoor public spaces, and outdoor spaces where social distancing cannot be observed, to help slow the spread of the virus.

WHEREAS, in Executive Order No. 20-30, Governor Brown found that COVID-19 continues to threaten public health and safety, and remains a statewide emergency; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances constitute a threat of imminent widespread illness, human suffering, loss of life, and financial loss, which in the determination of the Emergency Program Director will cause such significant damage as to warrant disaster assistance from resources other than the City's to supplement the efforts and available City resources to alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering caused; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances require a coordinated response beyond that which occurs routinely, and the required response cannot be achieved solely with the added resources acquired through mutual aid or cooperative assistance agreements; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances affects all of the territory within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances are anticipated to remain in effect for a period of at least seven weeks;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS DECLARED THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO EXIST IN THE CITY OF LEBANON, ENCOMPASSING ALL OF THE AREA WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the City and its officials shall be authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the City shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursements from the State of Oregon and appropriate federal agencies; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and all other applicable rules.

THIS DECLARATION IS EFFECTIVE JULY 14, 2020 AT 1:00 PM AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 8:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2020, UNLESS SUPERCEDED SOONER.

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