



Requesting Department

Public Works

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
THROUGH: JOHN KROSS, TOWN MANAGER, ICMA-CM
FROM: TROY WHITE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
RE: PROCLAMATION EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.
DATE: March 18, 2020

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the approval of a Proclamation Emergency Declaration to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Relevant Council Goal(s):



Safe Community

Proposed Motion:

None

Discussion:

The World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020, and the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020.

On March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State of Arizona prepare for broader spread of COVID-19.

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and that the federal government would make emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19.

Town recognizes the impact the Coronavirus COVID-19 is having on our residents and our local business community and to the extent that state or federal assistance available it is the intent of this proclamation to avail the community access to such applicable resources. The Town's Emergency Declaration is the mechanism to begin the process of accessing the funding, programs, and resources from the state and federal government as they become available.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

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Alternatives:

The Town could wait on issuing an Emergency Declaration until Maricopa County issues an Emergency Declaration.

Attachment(s):

- a. Proclamation Emergency Declaration



PROCLAMATION
Emergency Declaration
March 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the world is currently experiencing a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) outbreak; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by a virus easily spread from person-to-person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020, and the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services has confirmed the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the State of Arizona, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the residents of the State of Arizona and creating an extreme public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State of Arizona prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and that the federal government would make emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town has actively planned and implemented measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prepare for any and all emergency actions in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the impact the Coronavirus COVID-19 is having on our residents and our local business community and to the extent that state or federal assistance available it is the intent of this proclamation to avail the community access to such applicable resources; and



WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-307, A.R.S. § 26-311, and Section 2.2.4(F) of the Queen Creek Town Code empowers the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the Town of Queen Creek (Town) is affected or likely to be affected by a public emergency

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED, AND DECLARED as follows:

Section 1. That an emergency now exists throughout the Town due to COVID-19.

Section 2. That the Mayor shall, during such and emergency, govern by proclamation and have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town.

Section 3. That during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Town shall be as prescribed by federal and state law, and by ordinances and resolutions of the Town.

Section 4. That the Town Manager is ordered, directed, and authorized to implement any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Proclamation.

Section 5. That this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by order of the Mayor.

Click or tap here additional text if necessary.

WITNESS MY HAND this 18th day of March 2020.

Gail Barney, Mayor

ATTEST: Maria E. Gonzalez, Town Clerk

Approved:

Scott A. Holcomb. Town Attorney