

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING AND AFFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY, AND CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING PROCLAMATION BY CITY'S EOC DIRECTOR OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY, IN RESPONSE TO THE MOUNTAIN FIRE

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act, Government Code sections 8550 et seq., including sections 8558(c) and 8630, authorize the proclamation of a local emergency, when conditions of a disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the territorial limits of a city. Government Code section 8558(c) defines "local emergency" conditions to include flood, storm, hazardous materials incident, sudden and severe energy shortage, or other conditions that 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, beginning on November 6, 2024, conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City has occurred due to the Mountain Fire; including damage to City infrastructure and presenting imminent peril to the health, safety and welfare of City residents and businesses and to City staff and operations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura's Sheriff Fryhoff acting as the Director of Emergency Services declared a Proclamation of Local Emergency on November 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Camarillo Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 2.32 appoints the City Manager as the EOC Director and after consideration of all facts reasonably available presently then for review, and pursuant to his rights and responsibilities under the CMC; within his duties so outlined, on November 7, 2024, the City Manager acting as Director of EOC for the City declared the existence, of a local emergency by issuing the "Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency", attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), on November 7, 2024, the Governor of the State of California issued a "Proclamation of a State of Emergency" ("Governor's Proclamation") declared that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the Mountain Fire, ordering in relevant part as follows:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors and staff are of utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community. The mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response,

accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to the present storm related state of emergency. The City may require additional assistance in the future, and proclamation of local emergency allows additional resources to flow to the City in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the recitals and findings of the Governor's Proclamation and Ventura County Proclamation are referenced and incorporated herein as though set forth in full and are hereby adopted by reference as the recitals and findings of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all facts reasonably available for review, the City Council of the City of Camarillo desires to affirm and ratify that the existence of a state of emergency throughout the City existed at the time that the EOC Director issued his Proclamation of a Local Emergency on November 7, 2024; and does hereby affirm the existence of a state of local emergency in the City as of the adoption of this Resolution.

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630(c) requires the governing body to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every 60 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above Recitals are true and correct and incorporates them herein by reference.

Section 2. The proclamation of the City Manager as EOC Director declaring a local emergency attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby ratified as required by California Government Code Section 8630(b) and affirms and proclaims there is a local emergency

Section 3. The City Manager is further authorized and directed to submit and execute such records and documents as may be required to secure financial and other assistance from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), or other entities, because of the Mountain Fire.

Section 4. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council as authorized pursuant to Government Code section 8630.

Section 5. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 6: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the record of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED November 13, 2024.

TONY TREMBLEY, Mayor

City Clerk

I, Kristy Buxkemper, City Clerk of the City of Camarillo, certify Resolution No. ____ was adopted by the City Council of the City of Camarillo at a special meeting held November 13th, 2024, by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers:
NO: Councilmembers:
ABSENT: Councilmembers:

City Clerk

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

SECTION 1: The EOC Director for the City of Camarillo hereby finds and declares as follows:

A. Camarillo Municipal Code Chapter 2.32 empowers the City Manager, as the Emergency Operation Center “EOC” Director, to proclaim the existence of threatened existence of a local emergency.

B. Camarillo Municipal Code Section 2.32.020 defines an “emergency,” as a “condition of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, hazardous material incident, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, an earthquake warning or conditions other than those resulting from a labor controversy.”

C. California Government Code Section 8550 et. seq. authorizes the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

D. The City Council is not presently in session and is not scheduled to meet again until 5:00 p.m., on November 13, 2024.

SECTION 2: The EOC Director for the City of Camarillo hereby orders as follows:

A. A local state of emergency now exists in the City.

B. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances, resolutions, and orders of this City, including but not limited to the City's Emergency Plan.

C. On Wednesday November 6, 2024, a fast-moving brush fire broke out in the Somis area, just west of Balcom Canyon Road. The intense Santa Ana wind event already in progress quickly spread the fire south and west across Hwy 118 and into the Camarillo Heights area.

D. Mandatory evacuation orders are in place in parts of Camarillo and surrounding Ventura County areas and as of the signing of the Proclamation, over 20,000 acres burned.

E. Ventura County Fire Department has been dispatched to fight the fire, and Ventura County Sheriff Department is providing life safety support.

F. The EOC Director activated the Emergency Operations Center on November 6, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. and immediately directed staff to support the Ventura County Fire Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office, as needed.

G. The City is working with State, Federal and local government resources to assist with the response and protect the lives and property of residents.

H. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property and infrastructure have arisen in the City due to the fire.

I. As contemplated in the Emergency Services Act contained in California Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), and Chapter 2.32 of the Camarillo Municipal Code, a local emergency exists based on the existence of conditions, of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons property and infrastructure caused by a fire, as detailed in the Recitals set forth above.

J. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Camarillo Municipal Code Chapter 2.32, this proclamation has been issued in accordance with applicable law, is in effect and carries the force of law. The City Council shall review and ratify this proclamation of the City Manager within seven days as required by state law, and if ratified, shall continue to exist until the City Council proclaims the termination of this local emergency. The City Council shall review the need for continuing the local emergency as required by state law until it terminates the local emergency and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

K. A copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with state law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Camarillo; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of November 2024.



GREG RAMIREZ
CITY MANAGER/EOC DIRECTOR