



RESOLUTION NO. 6874

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 6873, WHICH DECLARED A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, EXTENDING THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY UNTIL REVOKED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, OREGON.

WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for a state of emergency declaration:

1. COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.
2. Coronavirus are a group of viruses that can cause respiratory disease, with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life for individuals with underlying health conditions.
3. COVID-19 requires a significant amount of resources at the local level to keep the public and community informed and as safe as possible.
4. On March 8, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order No. 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1).
5. The continued spread of the COVID-19 virus creates an extreme risk to public health, government and business continuity, and the local economy in the city of Albany, across the entire city; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 6873 stated that the duration of this declaration of emergency shall be from “0800 on the 13th day of March 2020 to and including 0800 on the 27th day of March 2020. The duration of the emergency declaration shall be limited to two weeks, but it may be extended in two-week increments”; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order No. 20-12 (see attached) to implement further restrictions in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of Oregonians; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capabilities of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the unknown duration of the COVID-19 pandemic is having significant financial impact to the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 401.309(1), the governing body of a city may declare, by ordinance or resolution, that a state of emergency exists within the city; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Albany Municipal Code 2.28.040 (1), if the city manager determines that a state of emergency exists, the city manager is empowered to “Request the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a ‘local emergency’; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Albany Municipal Code 2.28.040 (6), the city manager may redirect City funds for emergency use, or order such other measures as are found to be immediately necessary for the protection of life and/or property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, I ORDER THAT:

Section 1. A local state of emergency is declared to exist throughout the city of Albany.

Section 2. All necessary City funds shall be redirected for emergency use, and standard City procurement procedures shall be suspended for any contract or purchase necessary to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the employees of and services delivered by the City of Albany.

Section 3. All non-essential City commissions, committees, task forces and City events are cancelled until May 1, 2020.

Section 4. This Declaration of State of Emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked by the mayor of the City of Albany, Oregon.

Section 5. I further declare that the emergency manager take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate the response of this emergency, including but not limited to requesting assistance from the State of Oregon and Linn County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council declares that a local emergency continues to exist within the city of Albany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this request be forwarded to the county commissioners of Linn and Benton counties, Oregon, and through them request that the Governor of Oregon declare a state of emergency and consider the city of Albany an "emergency area" as provided for in ORS 401.055, and that the State provide such assistance as requested by the City of Albany and available through the State of Oregon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor may request such additional assistance from the President of the United States as shall be needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 6873 is hereby amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of State of Emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked by the Mayor of the City of Albany, Oregon.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.


Mayor

ATTEST:



(Deputy) City Clerk



Ratified by the City Council on March 30, 2020