

RESOLUTION NO. 6511-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
TERMINATING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
("COVID-19")

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol adopted resolution 6286-2020 proclaiming as permitted under the California Government Code (sections 8630, 8550 et seq.) a local emergency related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, section 8558 of the Government Code defines a local emergency as including an epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services received notification on or about March 2, 2020, that the Sonoma County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101080 due to the potential introduction of COVID-19 in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services received notification on or about March 2, 2020, that and the County of Sonoma Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Emergency due to the threat of COVID-19 in the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a new executive order further enhancing state and local government's ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a state of national emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., the Fire Chief, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of local emergency in the City of Sebastopol, after determining that the rapidly widespread of COVID-19 was likely to create conditions of disaster or extreme peril which would be beyond the services, personnel and equipment and facilities of the Town; and

WHEREAS, said City Council did confirm said conditions of peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency, by ratification on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On October 17, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that the State of California's COVID-19 state of emergency will end on February 28, 2023, citing that California has the tools needed to continue fighting COVID-19 when the State of Emergency terminates, including vaccines and boosters, testing, treatments, and other mitigation measures such as masking and indoor ventilation. The current local emergency regarding COVID-19 expires on February 9, 2023.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c), the Sebastopol City Council has determined that the situation resulting from said condition of extreme peril is now deemed not to be beyond the control of normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of and within the City of Sebastopol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol does hereby proclaim the termination of said local emergency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the CITY COUNCIL of THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, COUNTY OF SONOMA, of STATE OF CALIFORNIA on this 21st day of February, 2023.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Maurer, McLewis, Zollman, Vice Mayor Rich and Mayor Hinton
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

APPROVED: 
Mayor Neysa Hinton

ATTEST: 
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney