

A DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

March 13, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S., Section 24-33.5-701, et seq., the City of Englewood ("City") has identified a local disaster currently present in the City, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from COVID19 requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage and to protect public health;

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of COVID-19 is far in excess of the City's available resources;

WHEREAS the Colorado Governor Jared Polis and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have indicated the likelihood of community transmission of COVID-19 within the State of Colorado, including the City of Englewood;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate in the interests of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the City to take immediate actions for public safety, health and welfare;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, Englewood Municipal Code Title 7, and the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Englewood, Colorado, the City Manager is authorized to initially declare a local disaster emergency for up to seven (7) days, with subsequent continuation of such emergency declaration approved by the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD HEREBY DECLARES THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. That there is a local disaster emergency in the City of Englewood, Colorado, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from COVID19 requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

Section 2. That the effect of this declaration of disaster shall be to:

1. Activate the response and recovery aspects of the Emergency Operations Plan and any applicable inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans;
2. Authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans;
3. Authorize the requesting of aid and assistance from appropriate agencies;
4. Authorize emergency procurements under the Procurement policy; and
5. Authorize cooperation and coordination with federal, state, and county emergency agencies and public health agencies regarding response, recovery, and mitigation efforts.

Section 3. That City of Englewood residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to remain informed, follow the U.S. Center for Disease Control guidance for mitigation strategies for communities with local COVID-19 transmission.

Section 4. That this declaration shall be effective upon the date and time given below and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed seven days thereafter except by or with the consent of a majority of the members of the City Council. Two copies will be filed promptly with the Arapahoe County

Emergency Manager, the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder and the City Clerk and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

Dated: March 13, 2020

THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, a Colorado Home Rule City



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