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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-90

**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove has the authority granted under ORS Chapter 401 and the Forest Grove Emergency Operations Plan, Section 1.7.2 to declare a state of emergency under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, if the governing body cannot convene due to the disaster or other exigent circumstances, the Mayor may declare a state of emergency subject to the confirmation by the City Council within 14 days of the declaration, and

WHEREAS, due to the conditions outlined below, the Mayor declared an emergency on September 10, 2020, at 5 pm extending through September 13, 2020, at 7 pm;

WHEREAS, although the declared state of emergency has expired, the Council still must confirm that an emergency declaration was necessary under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency may be made for any of several reasons, such as authorizing additional budget authority, implementing emergency measures, or accessing County, State, or federal disaster assistance, and

WHEREAS, the following exigent circumstances existed:

A number of fires were occurring surrounding our community, the communities near us and across the State of Oregon that required an immediate response; and

These fires threatened our community; and

The City's fire department resources have been stretched to the maximum; and

These fires were affecting the City's ability to respond to daily emergencies in our communities; and

The Washington County Board of Commissioners also declared a state of emergency relating to wildfires in Washington County, Oregon; and

The Governor of the State of Oregon also declared a state of emergency relating to wildfires in the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the same exigent circumstances existed in Cornelius, Gaston, and Banks and an emergency declaration was sought there as well, and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances constituted a threat of imminent damage, human suffering, loss of life, and financial loss, which caused such significant damage as to warrant disaster assistance from resources other than the City's to supplement the

efforts and available City resources to alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering caused, and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances required a coordinated response beyond that which occurs routinely, and the required response could not be achieved solely with the added resources acquired through mutual aid or cooperative assistance agreements; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances affected all of the territory within the City limits and risks the lives of the population of Forest Grove.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTED IN THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE, OREGON, ENCOMPASSING ALL OF THE AREA WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the City and its officials were authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as were determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the City shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursements from the State of Oregon and appropriate federal agencies; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that emergency procurements of goods and services were authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and all other applicable rules.

THIS DECLARATION IS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2020, AT 5:00 PM AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2020, UNLESS SUPERSEDED SOONER.

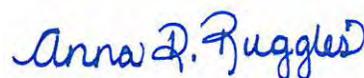
Peter B. Truax, Mayor



Date: September 14, 2020

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 14th day of September, 2020.

ATTESTED:



Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder