

**CITY OF MONTE VISTA
2020 COVID-19
DISASTER PROCLAMATION**

***RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC***

WHEREAS, it is apparent that people are at risk from the COVID-19 coronavirus in the City of Monte Vista; and

WHEREAS on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 to ensure that resources are available to the state to combat the disease, and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Under Chapter 2, Article 7, "Emergency Management" of the Monte Vista Municipal Code, the City recognizes that it has experienced in the past and will, from time to time in the future, experience within its corporate limits fire, flood, civil disturbances and water and power shortages. It is the express purpose and policy of the City that, in order to protect the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City, the Mayor, in addition to all other powers now existing or which may hereafter exist by virtue of the City Charter or ordinances of the City, is granted the additional authority and powers designated in this Article in times of emergency, as that term is described in Section 2-7-20 below. The power is to be exercised during such periods of time as the actual emergency exists, and the powers shall only be invoked after a declaration and proclamation by the Mayor that an emergency exists. (Prior code 5-1); and

WHEREAS, Section 2-7-20 of the Monte Vista Municipal Code provides that the Mayor shall have the power to declare an emergency to exist when, in his or her opinion, one (1) or more of the following conditions exists:

(1) A riot or unlawful assembly, characterized by the use of actual force or violence or any threat to use force if accompanied by immediate power to execute, by three (3) or more persons acting together without authority of law.

(2) Any natural disaster, force majeure or manmade calamity resulting in injury of persons or destruction of property, or potential injury to persons or destruction of property, of such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, welfare and safety. (Prior code 5-2); and

WHEREAS, the risks posed by this natural threat require early warning for, and preparation by, those potentially or actually affected, as well as prompt coordination of response and recovery actions, or special regulations of access, activities, persons, property, or the

environment in order to protect the health, safety, or welfare of people, to limit damage to property, or the environment within the City of Monte Vista; and

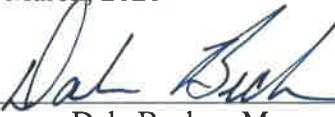
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dale Becker, Mayor of the City of Monte Vista, by virtue of the authority vested in me, hereby declare that a **STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY** now exists in and for the City of Monte Vista, and is so ordered, authorized, and approved for the duration of the State of Colorado's declared state of emergency, unless sooner terminated by the mayor by written proclamation when the COVID-19 emergency situation is no longer found to exist.

BE IT KNOWN that the Mayor of the City of Monte Vista hereby advises the Governor of the State of Colorado, the State's Office of Emergency Management, and the citizens of the City of Monte Vista that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists.

AND BE IT ALSO KNOWN that this Proclamation authorizes and directs the City Manager to put such emergency measures into effect as to him appear required in the circumstances, including limiting of public services, implementation of any measures contemplated within Section 2-7-50, Restriction of Activities, of the Monte Vista Municipal Code, and the duty to publish and disseminate information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that this Proclamation further authorizes the City of Monte Vista, its residents, and its businesses to apply for assistance from the State of Colorado, the federal government, or other available resources.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2020

By 
Dale Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

By 
Unita Vance, City Clerk