

**RESOLUTION NO. 2659**

A RESOLUTION FINDING THE NEED FOR A MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF HILLSBORO DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the authority granted by Hillsboro Municipal Code Subchapter 2.60, the City Manager declared a state of emergency in the entire City on March 13, 2020 to address the continued spread of the COVID-19 illness, loss of life, an extreme public health risk, and significant economic impact in the City; and

WHEREAS, The City Council ratified the declaration of a state of emergency on March 17, 2020 with the approval of Resolution No. 2658; and

WHEREAS, Under Section 2.60.080 of the Hillsboro Municipal Code, once a state of emergency has been declared, the City Manager may require the implementation of measures as are imminently necessary under the circumstances for the protection of life or property or to prevent or minimize danger to lives or property; and

WHEREAS, The spread of COVID-19 has caused widespread closures and cancellations in the region and across the country, and public health officials recommend at a minimum isolation and social distancing and

WHEREAS, As the response to this public health emergency escalates, the City anticipates that many residents will experience direct economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, The Federal government, State of Oregon and Washington County have all declared emergencies related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, To slow the rapid spread of COVID-19, the Governor has issued a statewide limitation on gatherings of more than 25 people, which has resulted in the temporary closure of many offices as well as the postponement or cancellation of hundreds of concerts, plays, professional sporting events, trade shows, and other events, all of which have had a direct economic impact on City residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Governor has also ordered that no establishment may offer or allow on-site consumption of food or drink, which has resulted in the closure of numerous restaurants, taverns, brew pubs and similar establishments; and

WHEREAS, The Governor has also announced the closure of all Oregon K-12 schools and institutions of higher education through the end of April; and

WHEREAS, The economic impacts of these necessary and important actions have resulted in numerous City residents losing their jobs or decreases in their incomes, making it extremely difficult or impossible to make residential rent payments; and

WHEREAS, The City must avoid the creation of an additional economic and public health emergency that would result from subjecting more households to homelessness as a result of the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, In order to encourage City residents to comply with closures and prevent further spread of COVID-19, the City must protect residents from the fear of potential eviction due to economic dislocation; and

WHEREAS, the ability to maintain housing during this pandemic is a public health imperative; and

WHEREAS, The economic impacts of these necessary and important actions have also resulted in local businesses suffering a severe decline in business, which has brought about staff layoffs, cancellations, closures and the inability of various businesses to make commercial lease payments; and

WHEREAS, The City must also avoid the additional economic and public health emergency that would result from business evictions caused by the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The overall impact on the City’s economic health, as well as the increased burden on the City’s ability to provide public services during this state of emergency due to vacant commercial properties creates a significant danger to both life and property in the City.

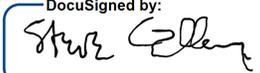
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HILLSBORO RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council finds, under the circumstances set forth above, a temporary moratorium on residential and commercial evictions within the City of Hillsboro is necessary for the protection of life or property and to prevent or minimize danger to lives and property.

Section 2. The City Council further finds that it is imminently necessary for the City Manager to impose such a moratorium under the authority granted to the Manager by Section 2.60.080 of the Hillsboro Municipal Code and the emergency declared by the Council through the adoption of Resolution No. 2658.

Section 3. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Approved and adopted by the Hillsboro City Council at a regular meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

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Steve Callaway, Mayor

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