

TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO
Emergency Declaration – Public Health Disaster

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. §24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-703(3), a "disaster" is defined to mean "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill, or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion existing in the state or in any county, city, town, or district of the state"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-703(3.5), an "emergency" is defined to mean "an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures;" and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared COVID-19 as a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, The Governor of the State of Colorado declared a state of emergency because of COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, Gunnison County, Hinsdale County's neighboring county to the north, has 4 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with more

positive tests expected; and

WHEREAS, officials with the Silver Thread Public Health District anticipate that, due to the highly contagious nature of the pandemic COVID-19, the Town of Lake City is likely to see cases of COVID-19 within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake City anticipates that cases of the COVID-19 virus will occur in the Town of Lake City and may result in serious illness or death for certain at-risk members of the community and also may have the effect of interrupting the normal daily functioning of the community in terms of closures for workplaces, schools and the like; and

WHEREAS, the expense and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of a significant COVID-19 outbreak in the Town of Lake City is in excess of the Town's available resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-709(1), a local disaster may be declared "only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant C.R.S. §24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local disaster "shall not be continued or renewed for a period more than seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster emergency "shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the clerk and recorder," and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster emergency "is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Lake City is outside of its capabilities with both technical assistance, and financial resources due to potential issues with the interruption of the Town's economy and care for its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY, that said local disaster emergency is declared.

1. The Town of Lake City Disaster Emergency Declaration shall promptly be filed with the Clerk and Recorder, the Hinsdale County Office of Emergency Management and the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.
2. This Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of no longer than seven days, unless continued or renewed in excess of this timeframe by action of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Lake City
3. This Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of Lake City, Colorado.

DECLARED this 14th day of March 2020 at Lake City, Colorado at 8:15 p.m.



Caroline Mitchell, Town of Lake City Administrator