



**CITY OF OREGON CITY
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL EMERGENCY
MEETING
AGENDA**

**Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, September 09, 2020 at 5:15 PM**

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

2a. Resolution No. 20-26, Declaring a State of Emergency in Oregon City due to the Wildfires in Clackamas County and Throughout the State

3. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

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To: City Commission
From: City Manager Tony Konkol

Agenda Date: 09/09/2020

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 20-26, Declaring a State of Emergency in Oregon City due to the Wildfires in Clackamas County and Throughout the State

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 20-26, which declares a State of Emergency until September 17th, 2020 due to wildfires in Clackamas County and throughout the state.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The rapidly changing fire event in Clackamas County continues to impact Oregon City and the surrounding community. Clackamas County is experiencing high winds and a dry air mass that have caused several extensive fires in Clackamas County. There are currently six active fires in Clackamas County that have resulted in the mass evacuation of county residents and is a threat to life and property. A Red Cross facility has been opened at Clackamas Community College as a resource for citizens that have been ordered to evacuate their homes. The County declared a state of emergency on September 8, 2020 and is running out of resources for firefighting and sheltering assistance is needed. Oregon City staff is recommending that the City Commission declare a State of Emergency, effective immediately, so that staff can work with federal, state and local agencies in a coordinated effort to address the impacts of the multiple fires within the region and that are in close proximity to Oregon City. This declaration will expire on September 17th unless terminated earlier or extended by the City Commission.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the State of Emergency declaration through September 17th, 2020
2. Deny and do declare a State of Emergency

RESOLUTION NO. 20-26

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF OREGON CITY AND
ADOPTING MEASURES TO PREVENT, MINIMIZE, RESPOND TO OR RECOVER FROM
THE EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City has adopted authority governing the exercise of emergency powers in Chapter 2.52 of the Oregon City Municipal Code pursuant to the authority granted by the City Charter and ORS Chapter 401; and

WHEREAS, there are currently six active fires in Clackamas County resulting in the evacuation of a significant number of county residents, a Red Cross facility being opened at Clackamas Community College and an emergency declaration for the entire County; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County formally declared a state of emergency on September 8th, 2020 as resources for firefighting and sheltering assistance is needed for those evacuated; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon can take steps to help mitigate and avoid some of the most drastic consequences of the fire and evacuations through actions that result in the assistance of sheltering evacuees and providing hygiene resources; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances has the potential to affect all of the territory within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances are anticipated to remain in effect for a significant period of time.

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

Section 1. It is declared that a state of emergency now exists in the City of Oregon City, encompassing all of the area within the City limits.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency as described in OCMC Chapter 2.52.

Section 3. 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 the appropriate federal and county agencies, and it is declared that the City of Oregon City has expended all appropriate and available resources.

Section 4. Emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 2798.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and all other applicable rules.

Section 5. This declaration is effective on September 9, 2020 at ____ p.m. and shall remain in effect until September 17, 2020 unless superseded sooner.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 9th day of September 2020.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 9th day of September 2020:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney