

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20599

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20595 DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY TO RESCIND THE CANCELLATION OF CITY COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, an epidemic of the Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19") has occurred across the United States;

WHEREAS, an individual in Lewis and Clark County has tested presumptive positive for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic that is controllable via precautionary measures to stop the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2020-12 on March 13, 2020, declaring a Public Health Emergency pursuant to §10-3-402, MCA;

WHEREAS, the City faces an imminent threat to life and public health resulting from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Section 2-10-3, Helena City Code, allows the Mayor to declare a state of local disaster emergency when there is an imminent threat of widespread loss of life resulting from an epidemic;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor declared a state of local disaster emergency for ten (10) days due to the imminent threat of widespread loss of life resulting from COVID-19;

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WHEREAS, the City will commit all available resources, and will take all possible action to combat and to alleviate the situation, local resources may not be adequate to cope with the situation;

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Helena that the Mayor's declaration of a state of local disaster emergency be indefinitely extended;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the City Commission passed Resolution No. 20595 declaring a state of local disaster emergency indefinitely continuing the Declaration;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Resolution, in part, cancelled administrative meetings of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to amend Section 5 Of the Resolution and rescind the cancellation of City Commission Administrative meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5 of Resolution No. 20595 is amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Regular meetings of the Helena City Commission, as required by §1-4-8, Helena City Code

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will be held but only essential legally required actions will be considered until such meetings can be held via electronic means with audio and visual communications.

Section 2. Copies of this Resolution will be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, the Clerk of the City Commission, and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

Section 3. The public shall be notified as soon as reasonably feasible through general dissemination to the news media, posting on the city website and social media accounts, or using other means of communication appropriate for informing the general public.

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

/S/ WILMOT COLLINS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DANNAI CLAYBORN
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION