



City of Patterson

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Today, the City of Patterson City’s Director of Emergency Services, Ken Irwin, issued a Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency (“Proclamation”) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Proclamation follows President Trump’s declaration of a Nationwide Emergency earlier today, as well as Governor Newsom’s statewide declaration on March 4, 2020, and the World Health Organization’s characterization of the COVID-19 outbreak as a global pandemic this week.

Today’s Proclamation is an important step to allow additional resources to flow into the City, to assist with the costs of efforts already underway to curb the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of City residents. The City is prepared and will continue to plan to address any possible spread of the coronavirus.

The Director of Emergency Services, along with other City personnel, will remain in close contact with County and State public health officials as they continue to address the situation and will keep all residents apprised of further developments as they arise. The City Council will be asked to ratify the Proclamation within the next few days.

Residents are encouraged to contact (209) 895-8015 with any questions or concerns or visit our website at <http://www.ci.patterson.ca.us/> for important links.