

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2020-34**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES RELATING TO
CORONAVIRUS CARES ACT RELIEF FUNDING; PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Novel Coronavirus as a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020 and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on March 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Wyoming, declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming on March 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statute §§ 35-1-240(a)(i) and (iv) provides all rights and powers for the Wyoming Department of Health, through the State Health Officer, to take appropriate and necessary actions to facilitate and provide aid to those locations where there is a threat or danger to public health, safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Health Officer issued an initial Public Health Order on March 19, 2020 directing the closure of certain places of public accommodation, including bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, child care facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, universities and trade schools to slow the spread of COVID-19 disease and protect the public health; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Health Officer issued a second Public Health Order on March 20, 2020 prohibiting gatherings of ten (10) or more people including planned or spontaneous events, public or private, bringing ten or more people together in a single room or a single confined space at the same time; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Health Officer issued a third Public Health Order on March 27, 2020 prohibiting for temporary closure of nail salons, hair salons, barber shops, massage parlors, tattoo, body art and piercing shops and cosmetology, electrology, and esthetic service; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Health Officer extended the first three orders through April 17, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Health Officer modified orders on May 15, 2020 to allow gatherings of twenty-five (25) people and allowed for openings of nail salons, hair salons, barber shops, massage parlors, tattoo, body art and piercing shops and cosmetology, electrology, and esthetic service with conditions staff must wear face coverings when within 6 feet of customers and other staff; proper spacing, cleaning and sanitizing; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Health Officer modified orders on May 27, 2020 to allow gatherings of twenty-five people up to 250 people in outdoor event venues subject to social distancing and event organizers be screened for symptoms or exposure of COVID-19 during the previous 14 days and logs of screening made available for inspection with the local health officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Public Health Order provides rules and regulations for the government and direction of Albany County, through its County Health Officer, and including the City of Laramie, which is located therein (W.S. §§ 35-1-227); and,

WHEREAS, the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136, has provided the state government of Wyoming relief funds of one billion two hundred fifty million dollars (\$1,250,000,000) to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and, WHEREAS, the legislature finds that four (4) classifications of priority needs required funding including COVID-19 emergency response, relief funding, economic development projects to offset the COVID-19 crisis, and replacement of lost revenue for public entities to the extent allowable under the CARES act or other similarly purposed federal act. Relief funds could be used to allow state and local governments to continue to provide a bases level of critical services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie needs to establish by an emergency program that is consistent with the terms of this act and authorized expenditures that can be fully supported by the CARES relief act federal funds. Any emergency program created under the authority shall expire on December 30, 2020 unless expressly continued by the act of the legislature; and,

WHEREAS, any expense incurred with the exception of COVID-19 operating supplies by the City of Laramie and other political subdivisions to respond to the public health emergency and the impacts of COVID-19 shall be subject to the approval of the City Manager (W.S. 15-4-203 – 206), Chief Operating Officer and/or Deputy Director of Administrative Services and reported to the Finance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the purchases will be emergency expenditures in accordance with and as allowed by W.S. 16-4-114, and in the case of contracts the primary purpose of which is for emergency work, may not be put out for bid, in accordance with W.S. 15-1-113 (a).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming

Section 1. To incorporate the foregoing recitals by reference; and

Section 2. To offer robust municipal support to the efforts of the Wyoming Department of Health and the Albany County Health Officer, Dr. Jean Allais, in educating Laramie residents and businesses about how best to achieve compliance with the *Public Health Order* and all other future orders for as long as they remain in effect; and, should it become necessary,

Section 3. To make expenditures in accordance with CARES Act relief fund grant guidance orders to mitigate the effects and spread of novel coronavirus COVID-19 disease throughout the pandemic state of emergency.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16th day of June 2020.

/s/ Joe Shumway, Mayor and President of the City Council

Attest: /s/ Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk

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