

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

FRANCIS CITY – MAYOR BYRON AMES

WHEREAS, Francis City (“City”) is a municipality and political subdivision of the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 53-2a-208 authorizes the chief executive officer of political subdivisions of the state to declare a local emergency by proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 53-2a-205 authorizes the chief executive officer of political subdivisions of the state to carry out measures ordered by the Utah Governor and additional necessary measures subject to the limitations and provisions of state law; and

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020, the Utah Department of Health activated its Department Operations Center in response to the evolving COVID-19 global outbreak. The Utah Department of Health recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of Utah; and

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2020, the State Emergency Operations Center raised its activation level to Level 3 - Elevated Action, and the Utah Division of Emergency Management and the Utah Department of Health activated a Joint Information System for public information; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, Governor Gary Herbert signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in Utah arising from the global outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Utah Department of Health recognizes that confirmed community transmission in the United States significantly increases the risk of exposure and infection to the State of Utah’s general public and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, Due to the identification of COVID-19 cases in Utah, COVID-19 has created conditions that are or are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, The mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, and use mutual aid will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and


WHEREAS, These conditions do create a “State of Emergency” within the intent of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act found in Title 53, Chapter 2a of the Utah Code, and necessitate that Francis City proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, The City’s mayor is the chief executive officer of the City and has authority to declare a local emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. A local emergency exists and is hereby declared in and for Francis City due to the COVID-19 epidemic and related damage, injury, loss of life, and social disruption.
2. This proclamation declaring a local emergency is official recognition of the emergency and disaster situation existing within the City and provides a legal basis for requesting and obtaining state or federal or other disaster assistance.
3. The local emergency shall remain in effect for no longer than 30 days unless it is continued or renewed with the consent of the City council, the governing body of Francis City.
4. This proclamation declaring a local emergency shall authorize the Mayor to take such actions as necessary and recommended to limit the impact, loss, damage, and disruption of the local emergency, including the limitations and policies adopted with this proclamation.
5. Special event permits and other discretionary licenses, permits, and other authorizations by the City may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether they should be denied, revoked, or delayed in order to protect the City.
6. Certain city services and facilities may be restricted, limited, or closed, in the discretion of the Mayor.
7. All City emergency powers, plans, and operations are hereby activated.
8. This proclamation declaring a local emergency shall be filed promptly with the office of the City Recorder and will be delivered to the State of Utah and Summit County and will be disseminated to local media.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2020.



Mayor Byron Ames

ATTEST:



Francis City Recorder