

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**AGENDA DATE:** March 1, 2021

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief (915) 212-5605

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All Districts

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management.

**SUBGOAL:** 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Emergency Ordinance No. 019135 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on March 3, 2021.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on February 1, 2021.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

None.

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE  
RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019035  
EXTENDING A DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO A  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor signed a Local Emergency Declaration and requested the aid of the State Government pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to El Paso City Code Section 2.48.020(C), a local state of disaster declaration may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter Section 3.10 allows for the City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting, life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, Extending a Disaster Declaration Due to a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on February 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 4, 2021, Governor Abbott similarly renewed the State's COVID-19 Disaster Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of COVID-19 active cases in El Paso is over 7,519; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso is currently considered to be in an area with high hospitalizations according to Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-32; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31<sup>st</sup> day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted to continue a Disaster Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Ordinance No. 019135 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on March 3, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the condition necessitating a declaration of a state of disaster continues to exist.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL PASO, TEXAS:**

1. That the state of disaster proclaimed for the City of El Paso by the Mayor on March 13, 2020, and extended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, is hereby re-enacted and shall continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 3.10 or until terminated by City Council, whichever is sooner.
2. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor and pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED, this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2021.**


**THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

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Oscar Leaser  
Mayor

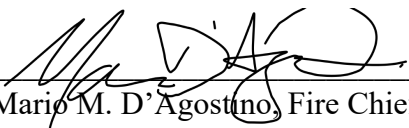
**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Karla M. Nieman  
City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief  
El Paso Fire Department

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