

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2020

Potential #12 (Supplemental)

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
ACTION ITEM**

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Declaration of Local Emergency

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: March 17, 2020

STAFF CONTACT: Tim Hemstreet, County Administrator

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to report to the Board of Supervisors (Board) on the declaration of local emergency made by the County Administrator acting as the Director of Emergency Management under Virginia Code §[44-146.21](#), Declaration of local emergency, and request that the Board confirm the declaration of local emergency. (See also Virginia Code §[44-146.16](#) for corresponding definitions.)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board confirm the declaration of local emergency as of March 16, 2020, at 10 a.m. in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, and that the Board declare that the local emergency remain open until recovery efforts have been completed.

UPDATE: This supplemental provides additional clarifying language to Attachment 1, Resolution, for the Board's consideration.

DRAFT MOTIONS:

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution of Declaration of a Local Emergency provided as Attachment 1 to the Action Item for the March 17, 2020, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting.

OR

2. I move an alternate motion.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Loudoun County Declaration of a Local Emergency

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, acting as the Director of Emergency Management, declared a local emergency at 10:00 am on March 16, 2020, due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the County opened its emergency operations center to coordinate the County's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code §44-146.21 requires the local governing body to confirm the existence of an emergency at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Virginia, confirms the County Administrator's declaration of a local emergency on March 17, 2020, and amends such declaration to state that the COVID-19 Pandemic constitutes a "disaster" as defined in Virginia Code §44-146.16, being a "communicable disease of public health threat;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized and directed to exercise such powers, functions and duties as prescribed by state law and County ordinances, resolutions and plans to mitigate the effects of the emergency and disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this declaration of local emergency shall remain in full force and effect until the Board of Supervisors takes action to end this declaration of local emergency.

Phyllis Randall,
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Tim Hemstreet
Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Virginia, this 17th day of March, 2020.