



DECLARATION LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Utah Code Annotated §53-2a-203 defines a “local emergency” as a condition which requires emergency assistance to save lives and protect property in response to a disaster or to avoid or reduce the threat of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saratoga Springs, Utah (“Saratoga Springs”), a political subdivision of the State of Utah, has suffered damage and faces the threat of a disaster brought on by a wildfire that started south of Saratoga Springs the afternoon of June 28, 2020, which fire has been named the Knolls Fire; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned fire has spread quickly due to high wind, high temperatures, and dry vegetation, these conditions have the potential to worsen, and immediate attention is necessary to combat the threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Saratoga Springs; and

WHEREAS, the following areas are particularly affected and/or threatened: all areas south of Pony Express in Saratoga Springs; the neighborhoods of Pelican Bay, Lake Mountain, Fox Hollow, Jacobs Ranch, Stillwater, Summerhill, and Benches; all neighborhoods bordering the foothills; and anywhere in close proximity to the fast moving wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Saratoga Springs, Utah, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §53-2a-209(1), is authorized to make all lawful orders to protect life and property during a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, City resources are taxed beyond their capacity to adequately respond to this disaster, evacuations and travel restrictions are necessary to protect the life and safety of City residents, these conditions create a “State of Local Emergency” according to the Utah Code, and this declaration is justified due to the proximity of homes and structures in this area.

NOW THEREFORE, be it declared by the City of Saratoga Springs, Utah as follows:

1. Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 53-2a-208(4)(a), and on behalf of the citizens of Saratoga Springs, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs finds and declares that a “State of Local Emergency” exists in Saratoga Springs due to the aforementioned disaster and emergency.
2. The current travel restrictions in the south areas of Saratoga Springs, including but not limited to prohibition of travel south of Harbor Parkway on Redwood Road, are hereby ratified.

3. The current evacuation orders of the Pelican Bay neighborhood and all neighborhoods south of Grandview Boulevard on the west side of Redwood Road are hereby ratified.
4. The evacuation and travel restrictions herein may be modified by the Saratoga Springs Fire Chief as necessary.
5. The City Manager is authorized to make such expenditures as necessary to prevent flooding caused by the fire, including but not limited to mitigation of the burn scar areas. The City Manager may exceed his spending authorizations in making such necessary flood prevention measures.
6. This declaration shall activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local disaster emergency plans.
7. Saratoga Springs seeks assistance and relief available from Utah County, the State of Utah, local governments, and the federal government.
8. This declaration shall be filed with the Saratoga Springs City Recorder.
9. This declaration is made to Utah County per Utah Code Annotated § 53-2a-208(4)(a). Saratoga Springs requests that Utah County also declare the emergency to the State of Utah in order for additional resources to be provided.

DATED this 28th day of June, 2020.

Mayor Jim Miller

ATTEST:

City Recorder