

# The City of Ferndale Formally Recognizes COVID-19 as A Local Emergency

Press release from the City of Ferndale:

In support of Humboldt County and the State of California's orders for residents to stay at home and take all necessary precautions to slow the transmission of COVID-19, the City of Ferndale has taken steps today to formally recognize the existence of a local emergency.

This Proclamation does not signify an increased risk to Ferndale residents, but strongly acknowledges the existing risk COVID-19 poses to the community.

[The Proclamation allows the City additional flexibility to acquire resources, manage essential City staff, provide or receive mutual aid from other jurisdictions and assists in securing State and Federal Disaster funds.](#)

In release of the Proclamation, City Manager Jay Parrish said, "As a community, we are responding collectively to the call for social distancing, staying in our residences and caring for those most vulnerable. This is a unique situation but unmistakably a public health emergency and it will take each of us individually to do our part to stay healthy and not strain our healthcare system beyond capacity. Our City team is working around the clock to respond to the unfolding circumstances related to slowing the spread of this pandemic. This proclamation, which cities across the nation are issuing, is an important administrative step required to accomplish the City's mission to reduce the risks and effects of COVID-19."

Ferndale residents are encouraged to continue to stay current on information regarding the City and County's local response to COVID-19 online at <http://ci.ferndale.ca.us> and [humboldt.gov.org/2018/Humboldt-Health-Alert](http://humboldt.gov.org/2018/Humboldt-Health-Alert).