

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDER DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for the City of Springfield to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during the time of emergency;

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield has enacted a local Ordinance (SMC 2.800 et seq.) pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401 that provides for executive responsibility in times of emergency;

WHEREAS, the McKenzie River corridor is experiencing a severe wildfire that has put lives at risk and caused wide spread damage to private and public properties in Lane County;

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, the Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted an order declaring a local emergency as a result of the McKenzie Fire that started September 7, 2020;

WHEREAS, temperatures and winds remain high and humidity remains low causing the fire to burn rapidly throughout the McKenzie River Corridor and will continue to place lives and properties at risk, including within the geographic bounds of the City of Springfield;

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, Lane County issued a Level 3 evacuation notices for areas immediately to the north and east of the geographic bounds of the City of Springfield;

WHEREAS, due to the unpredictable nature of wild fire activity, the entire City of Springfield is in a state of emergency;

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield has expended or will shortly expend its necessary and available resources, including resources through mutual aid and cooperative assistance agreements;

WHEREAS, SMC 2.800 et seq and ORS Chapter 401 authorize certain actions to be taken during a state of emergency when necessary for public safety or for the efficient conduct of activities to minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. I, Nancy Newton, City Manager, formally declare a state of emergency for the City of Springfield effective on September 8, 2020 at 1830 hours for the area described herein.

Section 2. Upon this declaration of a state of emergency, the City Manager or designee is empowered to carry out the appropriate functions and duties identified in

SMC 2.802 and SMC 2.814 during the time of emergency and shall implement the *Eugene/Springfield Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Operation Plan*.

Section 3. The City Manager or designee shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including, but not limited to, requesting assistance from the State of Oregon and Lane County.

Section 4. This declaration of a state of emergency shall be taken before the Common Council of the City of Springfield at their next available meeting for ratification.

Section 5. This declaration of a state of emergency shall expire in 14 days on September 22, 2020, unless sooner terminated to extended by order of the Common Council.

Section 6. The City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, or her designee, is authorized to implement any of the emergency measures provided for in Springfield Municipal Code sections 2.810 through 2.814 and 2.820 in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare, in the area designated as an emergency area.

DATED September 8, 2020.



City Manager

ATTEST: _____