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The City Manager of the City of Auburn proclaimed a local state of emergency on March 19, 2020, in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health crisis. The local emergency will be confirmed and ratified by the Auburn City Council on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The proclamation of a local emergency does not signify increased risk to the citizens of Auburn but allows the City to secure resources, use and provide mutual aid, and affords the opportunity to file for state and federal reimbursements related to emergency expenditures.

The City has been working with County Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson and other Placer agencies to create a cohesive community response to the COVID-19 virus. Today's directive by Dr. Sisson sets the stage for our continued response program throughout the County. "The safety for the citizens of Auburn is our utmost priority". "We have changed our public safety procedures to help protect all involved, we have been visiting businesses to help them understand the current funding opportunities to help keep their doors open, and we are embarking upon a public information campaign to keep you informed with the latest information you need to know" said Mayor Kirby.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting (Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>) has been cancelled. The Council will be meeting Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> for a Special Session to ratify the Local Emergency Resolution, and then go into Closed Session. The remainder of the Auburn City Council Meetings will be held as scheduled until further notice. Participants will be asked to follow social distancing procedures and the public is encouraged to submit public comment in advance to City Clerk Amy Lind at [alind@auburn.ca.gov](mailto:alind@auburn.ca.gov)