

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY - WIND STORMS & FIRES  
CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Director of Disaster Emergency Services, and pursuant to Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, specifically Section 2.370.080, I hereby find that:

A “local emergency” is defined in Government Code section 8558(c)(1), in pertinent part, as “the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a . . . city . . . caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, deenergization event . . . plant or animal infestation or disease . . . or an earthquake, or other conditions . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat . . . .”

The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events have simultaneously impacted areas throughout the County of Los Angeles (County) and in particular, the City of Pasadena. The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events have included sustained winds and dangerous gusts of over 80 mph, wind-driven and destructive fires, widespread damage to infrastructure, structures, and roads, and caused power outages, downed trees, road closures, rockslides, and significant debris. The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events have necessitated evacuations of Pasadena residents, led to power disruption, and required multiple sheltering operations. The January 2025 Windstorm and the Critical Fire Events pose a threat to residential structures, businesses, and critical infrastructures in several areas throughout the City of Pasadena. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from these and other likely related events.

The above circumstances constitute the existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City of Pasadena, which conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City of Pasadena and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. These conditions warrant and necessitate that the City of Pasadena declare the existence of a local emergency within the meaning of Government Code 8558(c)(1).

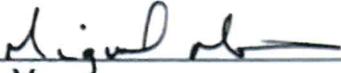
NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DECLARE the existence of a local emergency within the City of Pasadena and that the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the City Council of the City of Pasadena; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECLARED that, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City of Pasadena shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Pasadena; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECLARED that a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director) requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of the State of California (Governor), pursuant to the Emergency Service Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Pasadena; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

I FURTHER DIRECT that this declaration of local emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given of said declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the City.

Dated: January 8, 2025, at Pasadena, California.

  
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City Manager  
Director of Disaster Emergency  
Services (P.M.C. Section 2.370.080)