

**OLATHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ORDER DECLARING A
LOCAL DISASTER WITHIN THE OLATHE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, et. seq. (the “Act”), provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster emergency may be declared unilaterally by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision; for Olathe Fire Protection District (“OFPD”), the principal executive officer is the Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief for OFPD issued a declaration of local disaster on March 17, 2020, set to expire on March 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for OFPD wishes to extend the declaration of a local disaster; and issued with the approval and support of the Board of Directors for OFPD; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health issued a public health order prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people, including community, civic and public events; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, an "emergency" is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures, and an "emergency epidemic" is cases of an illness or condition, communicable or noncommunicable, caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, this Declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) the declaration of a local emergency shall not be continued beyond a period of seven (7) days or removed except by action of the governing board of the political subdivision, for OFPD the Board of Directors;


WHEREAS, the Board wishes to extend the existing declaration of a local emergency issued by the Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster "shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk and recorder, the [town] clerk ... and with the office of emergency management"; and

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which was recognized by the Governor of the State of Colorado on March 10, 2020, OFPD is suffering and has suffered a disaster emergency as defined in the Act.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED on this 23rd day of March, 2020, that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the Olathe Fire Protection District, beginning on March 17, 2020, and ending on May 19, 2020, unless extended or amended by action of the Board of Directors for the Olathe Fire Protection District.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity, filed immediately with the office of the Montrose County Emergency Manager and a copy filed with the Montrose County Clerk and Recorder, as well as to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.



Gary Shaver, Chairman

ATTEST:



Christine Gray, District Administrator