

**SALT LAKE COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

**EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
DECLARED BY THE SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR
AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

February 2, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SALT LAKE COUNTY,

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED:

THAT, the County Council of Salt Lake County, State of Utah, met in regular session of the Council on the 2nd day of February, 2021.

WITNESS:

WHEREAS, a pandemic of the COVID-19 Virus (COVID-19) swept the world in the 2020, continued into 2021 and necessitated declarations of emergency by the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, Sections 53-2a-205 and -208, the Mayor of Salt Lake County has the power to declare a state of emergency for Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.86.030, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, authorizes the Mayor to declare that a state of emergency exists in Salt Lake County and to invoke certain powers in aid of responding to and mitigating such emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.86.050.E, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, authorizes the Mayor in the event of a public health emergency and at the request of the Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department (the Director) to declare an emergency to prevent or contain the outbreak and spread of a communicable or infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency and Invoking Emergency Powers in Salt Lake County based upon the imminent danger created by the threat of COVID-19 on March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County's outbreak of COVID-19 has continued to increase and is impacting every citizen of Salt Lake County's municipalities, metro townships, and unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused the Salt Lake County Health Department to quarantine individuals and to take other steps within its authority to mitigate the potential spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County continues to suffer from widespread community transmission of COVID-19 within Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County has been instrumental in the distribution and administration of vaccines designed to prevent COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County continues to utilize personnel and resources necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to distribute and administer vaccines, and will continue to seek reimbursement from the United States government for these and other emergency expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Director requested the Mayor declare a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have created a "Public Health State of Emergency" according to the laws of the State of Utah and ordinances of Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, State law and County Ordinance permit the Mayor's declaration of a public health emergency to be effective for a period not to exceed 30 days, unless the emergency declaration is continued or renewed with the consent of the County Council; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council has previously continued the Mayor's declaration of an emergency in recognition of the ongoing pandemic.

RESOLUTION:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS RESOLVED:

1. The County Council of Salt Lake County hereby finds that a Public Health State of Emergency continues to exist in and for Salt Lake County due to COVID-19.
2. The Council acknowledges and supports the invoking of the emergency powers and operations of the County by the Mayor to address the impacts of COVID-19.
3. The Council supports the County's utilization of its personnel and resources, as ordered and authorized by the Mayor, to perform all functions specified in County Ordinance 2.86.050 and in other applicable provisions of law.
4. The Council retains its authority to act as the legislative body for Salt Lake County government and to perform all functions specified in County Ordinance 2.86.060 and in other applicable provisions of law, including fiduciary responsibility for the County's various budgets and funds.
5. The Council supports and approves all orders and regulations issued thus far by the Mayor and the Director regarding the state of emergency, copies of which have been duly filed with the Salt Lake County Clerk and previously disseminated to the Council. The Council requests that any new orders or regulations issued by the Mayor and Director regarding the state of emergency be promptly disseminated to the Council, and that the Mayor review all orders and regulations issued thus far and rescind any that are no longer necessary to respond to the state of emergency.
6. The Council requests that the Mayor continue to provide regular updates to the

Council concerning the state of emergency pursuant to County Ordinance 2.86.050.D. including timely updates about the County's vaccination efforts and federal reimbursement process so that the Council might best evaluate when the state of emergency can reasonably be concluded.

7. The Council requests that the Mayor promptly notify the Council of any new or modified public health orders issued pursuant to County Ordinance 2.86.050.E, particularly if those orders deviate from public health orders issued by the Governor of Utah or the State Department of Health.
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and be declared to be ongoing and continuing until Midnight, March 5, 2021 unless the facts supporting the Public Health State of Emergency no longer exist as determined by the Mayor and Director.
9. This Resolution shall be provided to the State of Utah, the Mayor, and the Director and shall be filed immediately with the Salt Lake County Clerk and published by general dissemination as appropriate.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah this 2nd day of February, 2021.

By: _____
Steve DeBry, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Sherri Swensen
Salt Lake County Clerk

Council Member Alvord voting _____
Council Member Bradley voting _____
Council Member Bradshaw voting _____
Council Member DeBry voting _____
Council Member Granato voting _____
Council Member Snelgrove voting _____
Council Member Stringham voting _____
Council Member Theodore voting _____
Council Member Winder-Newton voting _____

Approved As To Form:

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