PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS

January 8, 2025

WHEREAS, Hidden Hills Municipal Code section 4-2-4 empowers the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is exposed to an actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services of the City of Hidden Hills, does hereby find that:

- 1. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City as a result of the Palisades Fire, which started on Tuesday January 7, 2024 near to the City, which is nearing the jurisdictional boundaries of the City. The conditions are beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and coordination with other public agencies is necessary to deal with the impact.
- 2. The fires are currently burning out of control with little to no containment, and the City is experiencing conditions of high winds and dangerously poor air quality.
- 3. The City Council of the City of Hidden Hills is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that a local emergency now exists throughout the City; and

- 1. That the Director of Emergency Services shall have the powers to command all necessary resources to effectively protect life, public safety and infrastructure during the local emergency; and
- 2. That the local emergency shall continue for no more than seven (7) days unless this proclamation is ratified by a resolution of the City Council pursuant to Government Code section 8630 and Hidden Hills Municipal Code section 4-2-4.
- 3. The following activities are prohibited:
 - a. All non-essential repair, maintenance and construction work is prohibited.
 - b. The use of portable outdoor barbecue grills.
 - c. The use of any outdoor fire pits, fireplaces, or any outdoor fire of any kind for any purpose.
 - d. Any outdoor activity that could cause a spark or flame.

- e. The use of gasoline or propane powered equipment for home or property maintenance or repair (e.g. mowers, weed eaters, chainsaws, welders, and portable generators). Notwithstanding, generators used for providing emergency power to a home and generators for medical use are permitted.
- f. Outdoor smoking of tobacco, cannabis or any other inhalable product.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Hidden Hills Emergency Plan.

January 8, 2025

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Gloria Molleda Interim City Manager & Director of Emergency Services

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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