

RESOLUTION 2020-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLIN  
REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR  
FOR THE RE-OPENING OF ROCKLIN BUSINESSES

Whereas, on March 19, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 for the purpose “To preserve the public health and safety, and to ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all, and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability” (“Governor’s Order”); and

Whereas, on March 19, 2020 the Placer County Health Officer also issued a stay at home order to “to slow the spread of this disease and prevent severe loss of life,” which order was extended through the end of April and expired on May 1, 2020, with direction from the Placer County Health Officer that the Governor’s Order remains applicable to the County of Placer; and

Whereas, as of May 4, 2020, out of nearly 400,000 residents in Placer County there were 162 positive cases of COVID-19 or .004 of 1% of the population; and

Whereas, as of May 4, 2020, Placer county hospitals were treating fewer than 10 patients for COVID-19; and

Whereas, the City of Rocklin recognizes the importance of implementing reasonable safety precautions to protect the community from COVID-19; and

Whereas the City of Rocklin wishes to work cooperatively with the State of California and the Placer County Health Officer for guidance and direction as to the appropriate safety precautions for businesses to implement upon re-opening; and

Whereas, The City Council values the health and safety of its residents as well as the economic welfare of the community; and

Whereas, the City of Rocklin is projecting a 15% decrease in sales tax revenue for FY 2019/20 alone, and a similar decrease in sales tax, transit occupancy tax, and other funding sources is anticipated for FY 2020/21, all of which risks the ability of the City to continue funding essential services, including police and fire services; and

Whereas, the City Council considers all businesses in the city to be essential as each business creates jobs for our citizens to earn a paycheck and to be able to provide basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter for themselves and their families; and

Whereas, every day that goes by with Rocklin businesses deemed non-essential by the Governor's Order not permitted to open, creates a greater possibility that these businesses will suffer irreparable harm economically, mentally and physically; and

Whereas, a "one size fits all" approach to re-opening businesses is not in the best interest of the City, its businesses and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the COVID-19 case history within the County of Placer, the City Council of the City of Rocklin does hereby respectfully request the Governor of California to allow the City of Rocklin, working in conjunction with Placer County Supervisors, the Public Health Office, and neighboring Placer County cities, to implement its own measures to immediately begin the re-opening of all businesses in the City of Rocklin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:

NOES: Councilmembers:

ABSENT: Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers:

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Greg Janda, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Hope Ithurnburn, City Clerk