



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Riggins and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Kelsey Pettijohn, City Clerk

Approved by: Rob DuBoux, Acting City Manager

Date prepared: December 23, 2025 Meeting date: January 12, 2026

Subject: Resolution Extending the Declaration of the Existence of a Local Emergency Regarding the Franklin Fire

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 26-03, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. The existence of the local emergency will potentially help qualify the City and its residents for reimbursement for certain disaster response expenditures.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: This item supports the Public Safety and day-to-day operations identified in the Adopted FY 2024-25 Strategic Priority Project List. Responding to disasters is the City's most immediate and top priority as part of the city's fundamental operations.

DISCUSSION: On December 9, 2024, the Franklin Fire started in the Santa Monica Mountains on Malibu Canyon Road, south of Piuma Road. The fire combined with high winds and power outages to create conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property. The Acting Director of Emergency Services (Assistant City Manager) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on December 10, 2024.

On December 16, 2024, the City Council held a Special Meeting and adopted Resolution No. 24-64, confirming the existence of a local emergency and ratifying the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency.

Areas affected by disasters frequently become targets of criminal activity, including the burglary of uninhabited homes and businesses due to damage and the theft of building

materials during the reconstruction process. Malibu is a particular target for these activities since the Franklin Fire and the Palisades Fire.

The fire caused extensive damage to the electrical, irrigation, and wastewater systems along Civic Center Way, all of which will need to be replaced. Trees that were severely burned along Civic Center Way have been designated as dead and must be removed, as they are now considered a hazard.

The fire caused disruptions to Malibu's commercial activity, including brief access restrictions and reduced customer traffic. The City finds that supporting those affected remains important to maintaining local economic stability. Providing general recovery assistance and flexible, temporary measures will help ensure that any businesses experiencing fire-related setbacks can resume normal operations.

Government Code Section 8630 requires that the City Council review the need for continuing a local emergency at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates the local emergency.

As such, City staff recommend adopting Resolution No. 26-03 extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency. If adopted, the City Council will review, and as needed renew, this action at least every 60 days.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 26-03

RESOLUTION NO. 26-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE FRANKLIN FIRE

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. On December 9, 2024, the Franklin Fire started in the Santa Monica Mountains on Malibu Canyon Road, south of Piuma Road. The fire combined with high winds and power outages created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property.

B. The Acting Director of Emergency Services of the City proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on December 10, 2024.

C. On December 16, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-64, confirming the existence of a local emergency and ratifying the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency.

D. On January 27, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-05, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

E. On March 24, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-14, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

F. On May 21, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-18, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

G. On June 23, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-36, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

H. On August 11, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-44, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

I. On September 29, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-46, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

J. Areas affected by disasters frequently become targets of criminal activity, including the burglary of uninhabited homes and businesses due to damage and the theft of building materials during the reconstruction process. Malibu is a particular target for these activities since the Franklin Fire and the Palisades Fire.

J. The fire caused disruptions to Malibu's commercial activity, including brief access restrictions and reduced customer traffic. The City finds that supporting those affected remains important to maintaining local economic stability. Providing general recovery assistance and flexible, temporary measures will help ensure that any businesses experiencing fire-related setbacks can resume normal operations.

I. The fires caused extensive damage to the electrical, irrigation, and wastewater systems along Civic Center Way, all of which will need to be replaced. Trees that were severely burned along Civic Center Way have been designated as dead and must be removed, as they are now considered a hazard.

SECTION 2. The City Council has reviewed the staff report and conditions justifying the state of local emergency in the City and finds that the declaration of a local emergency remains valid and necessary due to the on-going cleanup and rebuilding efforts coupled with the imminent threat of rain and mudslides. Such conditions result in extreme peril to the safety of persons and property located in the City.

SECTION 3. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue and exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council. As required by law, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every 60 days until this resolution is terminated.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12th day of January 2026.

MARIANNE RIGGINS, Mayor

ATTEST:

KELSEY PETTIJOHN, City Clerk
(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED
BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

TREVOR RUSIN, Interim City Attorney