City Council Meeting
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Item
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Council Agenda Report

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

Prepared by: Kelsey Pettijohn, City Clerk

Approved by: Joseph D. Irvin, City Manager

Date prepared: April 10, 2026 Meeting date: April 27, 2026

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

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 26-22, 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 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: This item supports the City's 2025 Strategic Plan Goal 1 - Support Community Rebuilding and Long-Term Recovery.

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. Then 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 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. 26-22 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. 26-22

RESOLUTION NO. 26-22

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. On November 24, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-59, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

K. On January 12, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-03 extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

L. On March 9, 2026 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-12, extending the declaration of the existence of a local emergency in response to the Franklin Fire.

M. 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 continued to be a particular target for these activities since the Franklin Fire and the Palisades Fire.

N. 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.

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 recovery efforts. 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 __ day of _____ 2026.

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BRUCE SILVERSTEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KELSEY PETTIJOHN, City Clerk
(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

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TREVOR RUSIN, Interim City Attorney