

CITY OF FAIRFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BAYNORTH CHURCH TO EXTEND THE EMERGENCY COVID-19 SHELTERING PLAN FOR HIGH-RISK HOMELESS PERSONS TO PREVENT THE POTENTIAL SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND UPDATING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist on California as a result of the threat of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the spread of COVID-19 a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the City Council of the City of Fairfield ratified the Proclamation of Local Emergency put forward by the City Manager to take immediate action to combat the threat to public health that exists in the City due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the Solano County Public Health Official ordered the prohibition and cancellation of all public and private gatherings that do not allow participants to maintain at least six feet distance apart, and has subsequently superseded this order with succeeding stay at home orders; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the City protect all residents to the best of our ability; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency has provided expertise and guidance to prevent the potential transmission of COVID-19 among high-risk homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to further prevent the potential spread of the virus by continuing to follow best practices including social distancing and increased sanitary measures; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2020, Urgency Ordinance No. 2020-15 authorized the City Council to, by ordinance, allow an emergency shelter to operate on a temporary basis in order to meet immediate shelter needs during a local emergency or state of emergency, provided that such emergency shelter complies with the development standards in Section 25.28.5B of the Fairfield Municipal Code and the emergency shelter ceases operations immediately upon termination of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Urgency Ordinance No. 2020-15 further permitted, on a temporary basis, the operation of an emergency shelter at the property commonly known as 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number 0034-02-136) during the declared COVID-19 emergency; provided that the emergency shelter use would no longer be permitted, and operations must

have immediately ceased on the earlier of December 31, 2020, or the termination of the COVID-19 local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2020, the Fairfield City Council approved Resolution 2020-173 authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with BayNorth Church to implement an Emergency COVID-19 Sheltering Plan for high-risk homeless persons to further prevent the potential spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020 the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with BayNorth Church to provide non-congregate emergency housing for 82 total high-risk homeless at their property at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, to further prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 from September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2020, the State issued a regional stay-at-home order to further combat the spread of COVID-19, which identifies five regions statewide, and requires closure of all sectors, except for retail and essential services, in any region when the regional Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity of hospitals falls below 15 percent; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2020, Solano County implemented the state-mandated regional stay-at-home order because regional ICU capacity had fallen below 15 percent; and

WHEREAS, the regional stay-at-home order will remain in place until the California Department of Public Health's four-week projections of the region's ICU capacity is greater than or equal to 15 percent; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, the City Council approved Urgency Ordinance No. 2021-01, which permits, on a temporary basis, the operation of an emergency shelter at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue during the declared COVID-19 emergency; provided that the emergency shelter use will no longer be permitted, and operations must immediately cease on the earlier of April 30, 2021, or the termination of the COVID-19 local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding with BayNorth Church to extend and operate the Emergency COVID-19 Sheltering Plan; and

WHEREAS, funding was not allocated in the City's approved 2020/2021 Budget thus requiring an adjustment in the amount of \$340,000 to cover the cost of extending the existing Emergency COVID-19 Sheltering Plan located at BayNorth Church; and

WHEREAS, the revised appropriation constitutes an update to the 2020/2021 Budget approved pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-92.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and BayNorth Church to extend and operate the Emergency COVID-19 Sheltering Plan, substantially in the form attached hereto, and to do all things deemed necessary or useful to implement this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves the appropriation of up to \$340,000 in Fund 011 to cover costs associated with the execution of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of January 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: PRICE / BERTANI / MOY / PANDURO / TIMM / TONNESEN / VACCARO

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK