

**City of Fernley  
Resolution #20-010**

**A Resolution granting authority to the Fernley Convention and Tourism Authority (FCTA) to spend transient lodging funds for local businesses and further allowing the FCTA to determine grant guidelines on how to distribute funds for said businesses for the grant period of July 1 – December 31, 2020.**

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high,” and has advised that COVID-19 will continue to spread globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency caused by COVID-19, which emergency began on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Nevada declared an emergency due to the impacts and risks of person-person transmission of COVID-19 to continue state and local resources to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City of Fernley declared a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Nevada declared Non-Essential Businesses, that promote recreational social gathering activities including, but not limited to recreation centers, clubhouses, nightclubs, movie theaters, massage parlors, adult entertainment establishments, brothels, and live entertainment venues, and any other such Non-Essential Business to close for the duration of the Directive; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Nevada declared Non-Essential Businesses that promote extended periods of public interaction where the risk of transmission is high, including fitness establishments such as gyms and studios,; aesthetic services such as beauty shops, barber shops, nail salons, tanning salons, and wax salons; and any other such Non-Essential Business to close for the duration of the Directive.

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2011, the Fernley City Council amended the rules and procedures and grant guidelines for the City of Fernley Convention and Tourism Authority.

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, the Fernley City Council directed staff to bring forth a Resolution for consideration to allow for the Transient Lodging Funds to be used to assist local businesses affected by the Governor's Director for closing businesses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fernley City Council grants authority to the FCTA to spend transient lodging funds for local businesses affected by COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fernley Convention and Tourism Authority establish criteria and a process for the distribution of funds not to exceed the funding amount provided for in Grant Cycle 1 (July 1 – December 31, 2020).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Roy Edgington, Jr.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Kim Swanson