

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
APPROVING SUPPORTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE 396

WHEREAS, California Penal Code 396 (a) states "The Legislature hereby finds that during a state of emergency or local emergency, including, but not limited to, an earthquake, flood, fire, riot, storm, drought, plant or animal infestation or disease, or other natural or manmade disaster, some merchants have taken unfair advantage of consumers by greatly increasing prices for essential consumer goods and services.; and

WHEREAS, the emergence of the COVID-19 Coronavirus first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China on December 31, 2019, and is ongoing world-wide, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that the Novel Coronavirus COVID-L9 Outbreak a Global Pandemic, which constitutes the existence of a condition of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the entire City of Sebastopol and County of Sonoma; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of these events are currently being evaluated and can result in an unknown and significant amount of city expenses to cover the supplies, equipment, staff hours, and potential overtime; and

WHEREAS, based on said event, the Fire Chief, Acting as Director of Emergency Services, of the City of Sebastopol declared the existence of a local emergency within the City on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sebastopol ratified the City Declaration of Local emergency on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of California had issued multiple directives to Fight COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol support the CA Penal Code 396 and all efforts to protect our residents and community from any type of price gouging.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 7th day of April 2020.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

APPROVED: _____

Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST: _____

Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____

Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney