

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 01-2020

A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AS RELATED TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, KNOWN AS COVID-19

WHEREAS, the State of Washington, along with much of the world, is experiencing an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020 Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency (Proclamation 20-05) for all counties in Washington State due to the spread of COVID- 19 and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap Public Health District has been responding to the COVID-19 outbreak since February 3, 2020, including preparations for a possible outbreak in Kitsap County and assessing possible cases of novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020 the Kitsap Department of Emergency Management activated the Emergency Operations Center at a level III (monitoring) in coordination with the Kitsap Public Health District with the Kitsap Public Health District moving to full activation of their Emergency Coordination Center (ECC); and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners issued a Proclamation of Emergency within Kitsap County, finding that the COVID-19 situation is sufficiently serious; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020 the Kitsap Public Health District has continued full activation of the Emergency Coordination Center, is continuing to actively evaluate for testing for COVID-19 and has received significant resource requests from across Kitsap County; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, Washington State has 457 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and of those cases, there have been 31 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the City has direct transport links to areas of Washington State with active COVID-19 outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, the situation is sufficiently serious that it is necessary to proclaim an emergency within the City due to the possibility that the spread of COVID-19 may become a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare of City residents, visitors, and staff; and

WHEREAS, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City may require supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources and the duration of the event is unknown; and

WHEREAS, the situation presents a real and immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions and/or have and/or may result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury or loss of life if immediate action is not taken; and

WHEREAS, this constitutes, and emergency as defined in the City's Emergency Operations Plan, PMC 2.60.010(A) and other applicable state and/or federal law, and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to Poulsbo Municipal Code and applicable state and/or federal law; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily spread from person to person; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A local emergency, as defined in Chapter 38.52 RCW, RCW 43.06.010(12), RCW 39.04.280(3) and Chapter 2.60 PMC, or imminent threat of such an emergency exists within the City of Poulsbo amendments thereto subject to constitutional limitations.

Section 2. The emergency, or imminent threat of an emergency, warrants the activation of the authority and the commencement of the plans and procedures authorized under Chapter 38.52 RCW and Chapter 2.60 PMC to preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 3. Pursuant to RCW 39.04.280, RCW 35.33.081, and PMC 2.60.010, public advertising and competitive bidding and procurement requirements of state law and the City Procurement Policy, excepting mandatory constitutional requirements, are waived with respect to the solicitation and award of all contracts necessary to address the emergency or imminent threat of an emergency.

Section 4. This Proclamation shall be confirmed by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

DATED this 13th day of March 2020.

APPROVED:



REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



RHIANNON FERNANDEZ, CMC, CITY CLERK

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