

EMERGENCY ORDER
IN AND FOR THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL,
WASHINGTON No. 2020-02

**REGARDING CANCELLATION OF CITY-PERMITTED PUBLIC EVENTS WITH
FORECASTED ATTENDANCE OF MORE THAN 250 PEOPLE, SUSPENSION OR
MODIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROGRAMMING.**

At 18:00 hours on March 13, 2020, the City of Washougal declared an emergency pursuant to Washington State Constitution Article XI, Section 11, Revised Code of Washington Chapter 38.52, and Washougal Municipal Code Chapter 2.48 *et. seq.*, due to the public health threat posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). (Declaration of Emergency No. 2020-01).

According to the World Health Organization as of March 11, 2020, COVID-19 constitutes a global pandemic due to the alarming levels of the spread and severity of the disease and also, in the words of World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, due to the "alarming levels of inaction."

On March 12, 2020, the Clark County Department of Public Health recommended cancellation of large gatherings of more than 250 people in order to minimize the potential health impacts of COVID-19.

The City of Washougal regularly hosts and permits large gatherings of people in the regular operation of City business. Therefore, consistent with the recommendations of the Clark County Department of Public Health and mitigation strategies for communities recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with regard to COVID-19, in order to slow the spread of the disease, and protect the lives of residents of the City of Washougal, I find that immediate implementation of social distancing and community mitigation measures are necessary.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED
THAT:**

Section 1. Cancellation of Certain City-Permitted Events. All public gatherings with planned or forecasted attendance above 250 people for which a permit has been issued by the City of Washougal that are scheduled to occur during the Duration of this Emergency Order, are hereby cancelled. This section includes all qualifying special event permits issued pursuant to Washougal Municipal Code Section 9.104 *et. seq.*, but does not include regular or special meetings of the Washougal City Council. No new events will be scheduled prior to April 30.

Section 2. Programming Suspensions or Modifications. While this Emergency Order is in effect, the following program changes will be made at the Washougal Community Center located at 1681 C St. Washougal, WA. These decisions are informed by whether the activity is targeted toward a particularly vulnerable population or involves close physical contact.

- A. **Monday through Thursday Meals on Wheels People:** congregate meal service is discontinued through April 30, 2020. City Staff is directed to work with our partners at Meals on Wheels People to have boxed lunches available for pick up for seniors in need of meal support.
- B. **Refuel Washougal Friday Meals:** congregate meal service is discontinued through April 30, 2020. City Staff is directed to work with our partners at Refuel Washougal to have boxed meals available for pick up for community members in need of meal support.
- C. **Refuel Washougal Severe Weather Shelter:** shelter operations will continue subject to enhanced sanitation and social distancing protocols as directed by City staff.
- D. **Washougal Senior Association:** all activities in the Community Center are suspended through April 30, 2020.
- E. **Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of SW Exercise Classes:** all classes are suspended through April 30, 2020.

Section 3. Non-Essential Public Meeting Cancellations. While this Emergency Order is in effect, all non-essential public meetings are hereby suspended. A list of suspended non-essential meetings will be posted to the following locations and updated daily while this Order is in effect:

- A. www.cityofwashougal.us
- B. City social media channels: Facebook (facebook.com/WashougalGov) and Twitter (twitter.com/WashougalGov)

Section 4. Additional Safety Protocols for Washougal City Council Meetings. The Washougal City Council will continue to meet while this Order is in effect, however, City Staff is directed to work to make the following safety enhancements:

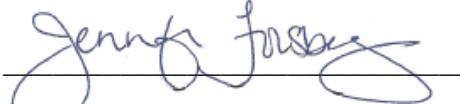
- A. City Staff will strongly encourage attendance and participation through remote, electronic and/or telephonic means to facilitate transparency and public participation while minimizing the potential for spread of infectious disease wherever practicable;
- B. City Staff is directed to work to reconfigure meeting rooms to reflect social distancing practices.

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Section 5. Duration. Unless modified, extended or terminated by the Washougal City Council or Washougal City Manager, this Emergency Order is hereby effective immediately and shall remain in effect **until** April 30, 2020, at 23:59 hours.

SIGNED, this 13th day of March, 2020, at 18:30 hours.

ATTEST:



Jennifer Forsberg
City Clerk

CITY OF WASHOUGAL



David Scott
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Ken Woodrich
City Attorney

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