

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
IN AND FOR THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON**

**2020-01**

**WHEREAS**, Washougal Municipal Code, Section 2.48.070 provides that whenever an emergency, or the imminent threat thereof, occurs in the city and results in, or threatens to result in, the death or injury of persons or the destruction of or damage to property to such extent as to require, in the judgment of the executive head, extraordinary and immediate measures, an emergency may be declared to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a nationwide public health emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed that as a result of the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19, and its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission, a state of emergency exists in all counties in Washington State (Proclamation 20-05), and directed that the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency for the State of Oregon in order to ensure the state is fully prepared for, and capable of responding to, the threats of COVID-19 (Executive Order 20-03); and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and poses a high risk of transmission from person-to-person; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, the Clark County Department of Public Health identified the first positive test result for COVID-19, and has since issued recommendations which may restrict normal government functions and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that COVID-19 constitutes a worldwide pandemic and, as of March 12, 2020, the WHO Situation Report confirmed a total of 125,048 cases globally; and

**WHEREAS**, consultation with the Clark County Department of Public Health has confirmed that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to direct roles and responsibilities in coordinating emergency activities citywide and take other steps as allowed by law to avoid the threat of death or injury to residents of the City of Washougal;

**NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Washougal, Washington** hereby Declares and Orders as follows:

**Section 1. Declaration of Emergency.** The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by this reference. Accordingly, an emergency is hereby declared to exist within the City of Washougal requiring the exercise of emergency powers set forth by the Washington State Constitution Article VI, Section 11, Revised Code of Washington Chapter 38.52, and Washougal Municipal Code Chapter 2.48 as described in this declaration of emergency. The response to this emergency may reasonably require the use of all city resources and the need to access state and federal resources and financial mechanisms.

**Section 2. Emergency Orders Authorized.** Effective upon execution of this declaration of emergency the Washougal City Manager shall exercise authority through issuance of Executive Orders and through use and direction of City personnel, services and equipment and additional acts necessary to the management of this emergency.

**Section 3. Violation of Emergency Orders Prohibited.** Pursuant to Washougal Municipal Code Section 2.48.120, it is unlawful for anyone to violate a declaration of emergency, or any subsequent emergency order issued thereunder, or by any law enforcement officer or designated emergency service personnel acting pursuant to authority of such declaration or emergency order.

**Section 4. Emergency Procurements.** The City Manager, the City Finance Director, and those delegated by subsequent Emergency Order are hereby authorized to make emergency procurements consistent with the provisions of Washougal Municipal Code Section 2.48.100.

**Section 5. Delegation of Authority.** The City Manager hereby delegates the following authority to take the actions identified for and on behalf of the City:

**A. To the Fire Chief and Police Chief,** the authority to direct the use of City resources as deemed essential for protection of public health, peace and order.

**B. To all City Department Directors,** the authority to reassign personnel from their ordinary duties to work deemed necessary for the emergency outside their normal job classifications, to enter into contracts and to perform public works without regard to public bidding and public works laws, and to require work beyond normal working hours in performing tasks deemed necessary in responding to the emergency.

**Section 6. Circulation.** A copy of this declaration of emergency, and all emergency orders issued hereunder, shall be delivered to the director of emergency management, state emergency management and the governor.

**Section 7. Presentation, Ratification, Termination.** This declaration, and all emergency orders issued hereunder, shall be filed with the City Clerk and presented as soon as practicable to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification or rejection. Orders which are rejected shall, after vote, be void. Emergency orders shall be considered in full force and in effect until the Council shall act.

**Section 8. Duration.** Unless earlier modified or terminated pursuant to Section 7, this declaration of emergency shall be terminated upon issuance of another declaration when order has been restored in the affected areas of City of Washougal.

ADOPTED by the Washougal City Council, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

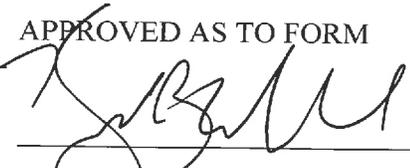
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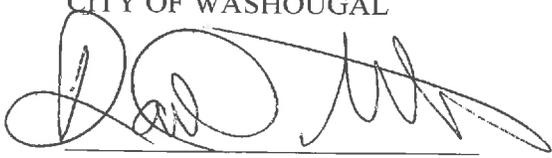
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Jennifer Forsberg  
City Clerk

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Molly Coston  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
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Kenneth B. Woodrich  
City Attorney

DECLARED IN THE ABSENCE OF CITY COUNCIL, subject to City Council ratification, confirmation, modification or rejection as soon as practicable, this 13th, day of March, 2020, at 18:00 hours.

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David Scott  
City Manager