



RESOLUTION NO. R2020-008

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington declaring a local emergency related to novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

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

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures for the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Thurston County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution declaring the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater finds that the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 constitutes an emergency necessitating the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to the Tumwater Municipal Code (TMC) chapter 2.92, RCW 35A.33.080, and RCW 38.52.070(2); and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people in the City of Tumwater which may go beyond the capability of local resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency due to the worldwide and local outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and for all the reasons stated in the Proclamation by the Governor 20-07.

Section 2. Due to the emergency declared in Section 1, all emergency powers and authority set forth in the City of Tumwater Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, chapter 38.52 RCW, chapter 2.92 TMC, and Ordinance No. O2010-020 are hereby invoked. The City of Tumwater Mayor, City Administrator,

Director of Emergency Management and City departments are authorized to take emergency actions and to provide emergency services to protect the health and safety of persons and property pursuant to the City of Tumwater Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, chapter 38.52 RCW, chapter 2.92 TMC, and Ordinance No. O2010-020. These actions include, but are not limited to, entering into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons and property and provide emergency assistance to the victims of the emergency without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law authorized, making and adjusting Human Resources Policies related to leave usage and other issues related to employees as necessitated by the emergency, and reducing or waiving fees and charges in order to address circumstances necessitated by the emergency.

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to take such additional measures as are necessary pursuant to the City's police power authority under Washington Constitution Article XI, Section 11 to protect the public health, safety and welfare, including such measures as are imminently necessary for the protection of life and property.

Section 4. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law and will remain in effect until it is rescinded in writing.