

CITY OF TENINO WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY 2020-01

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 Secretary of the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services 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 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, on March 12, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Thurston County declared a state of emergency, implementing the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wayne Fournier, Mayor of the City of Tenino, do hereby declare a state of emergency under the authority of Chapter 38.52, Revised Code of Washington, as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in Thurston county, and as a result, hereby Proclaim the following:

1. The emergency shall endure until terminated, extended, or amended by further Proclamation.
2. Public access to all City facilities is suspended effective Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 12:00 pm until further notice. Persons or organizations that have already paid the deposit to rent any City facility may choose to re-schedule or have their deposits returned.
3. The City shall suspend all actions to collect on overdue utility accounts, B&O Taxes, or other arrearages and will cease charging interest on any such account. The City shall not suspend any utility service for any reason that does not threaten the health or safety of the citizens of the City, until further notice.
4. By authority of Chapter 38.52, Revised Code of Washington, I assume the authority to suspend, certain time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including, but not limited to budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the

performance of public work, entering into contracts contract, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, the appropriation and expenditures of public funds, and/or provisions relating to personnel policies or collective bargaining.

5. I delegate to the Chief of Police the authority under my supervision to take actions identified for and on behalf of the City to direct any necessary population and property protection, as well s control of incidents and maintenance of public peace and order. Other departments and personnel will assist as requested.
6. I delegate to the Department Heads the authority to permit the use and closure of the City facilities and equipment under their control for supplying necessary food, clothing, medicines, shelter, or transportation to care facilities for people in need of assistance; to reassign personnel from their ordinary duties to work deemed necessary for the emergency without regard to job classifications, and to require work beyond normal working hours; to purchase supplies and materials necessary to address the emergency; and to secure the assistance of volunteers and donations of supplies or the use of equipment in performing tasks that the department head deems most helpful in relieving the emergency.
7. It is the policy of the City of Tenino that no guarantee is implied by actions authorized above, and that there is no perfect emergency management system. In any given set of circumstances, the City of Tenino and its assets and systems may be overwhelmed, and the City can only endeavor to make every reasonable effort to respond based on the situation, and information and resources available at this time.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2020.


Wayne Fournier, Mayor

ATTEST:


John C. Millard, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Richard L. Hughes, City Attorney