

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-010

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, terminating the declared local emergency related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) as provided herein.

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington State as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City, following US, State, and County declarations of emergency, adopted Resolution R2020-008 declaring a local emergency related to COVID-19 and invoking emergency powers and authority; and

WHEREAS, the City amended and ratified Resolution R2020-008 throughout the emergency by adoption of R2020-010, R2020-017, R2020-027, and R2022-001, related to City services and actions taken in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2021, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 21-14 requiring vaccination for certain state employees and contractors; and

WHEREAS, to protect employees and the public, on March 12, 2022, the City adopted an update to the December 13, 2021, vaccination policy requiring vaccination or testing for City employees and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, although the COVID-19 disease continues to persist as an ongoing and present threat in Washington State and the City, measures taken over the past 24 months have made a difference and have altered the course of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations are readily available to anyone age 5 or older and 81.8% of the State population 5 and older has received at least one dose and 74.4% is fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, health experts and epidemiological modeling experts believe that as a State we have made adequate progress against COVID-19 to begin rescinding mandates related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2022, the Washington State Secretary of Health issued Order 20-03.8 rescinding the requirement for the general public to wear face coverings indoors in public places or where others outside of their household are present; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2022, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-28.16 terminating and rescinding the prohibitions on in-person meetings and the waivers and suspensions of laws and rules concerning open government effective June 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Proclamation 21-14 et. seq. requiring vaccination remains in effect for educational and health care workers until the state of emergency is rescinded; and

WHEREAS, Proclamation 20-05 et. seq. declaring an emergency in all counties throughout Washington State remains in effect until rescinded; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across the State to address the impact and long-term effects of the emergencies on Washington State and all its people; and

WHEREAS, a local declaration of emergency is no longer necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Tumwater, and it is in the best interests of the residents of Tumwater to terminate the local declaration of emergency.

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

Section 1. Termination. The declared local emergency is hereby terminated effective 12:01 A.M. on July 1, 2022. Resolutions R2020-008, R2020-010, R2020-017, R2020-027, and R2022-001 are terminated effective 12:01 A.M. on July 1, 2022. Any and all actions and authorizations, whether specifically identified herein or not, implemented pursuant to Resolution R2020-008, R2020-010, R2020-017, R2020-027, and R2022-001 shall hereby expire at Midnight on June 30, 2022.

Section 2. Vaccination Policy Terminated. The Tumwater Vaccination Policy adopted on December 13, 2021 and updated March 12, 2022, is hereby terminated effective 12:01 A.M. on July 1, 2022.

Section 3. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF TUMWATER

Debbie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney