

TO: City Council
FROM: John Doan, City Administrator
DATE: June 7, 2022
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2022-010, Terminating the declared local emergency related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

1) Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution No. R2022-010, terminating the declared local emergency related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

2) Background:

On February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee declared a State of Emergency in all counties of the State due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State and directed implementation of the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The Thurston County Board of Commissioners declared the COVID-19 outbreak a local emergency on March 12, 2020. The City Council passed Resolution No. R2020-008 which declared a local emergency related to COVID-19 on March 17, 2020.

With significantly lower case counts and hospitalizations than were experienced in the past two years, availability of testing and vaccines, enhanced sanitization and health safety measures, and improved and available treatments of COVID-19, there is no longer sufficient justification to maintain the State of Emergency. Governor Inslee has repealed a number of his orders and proclamations. The City of Olympia and Thurston County are expected to terminate their emergency proclamations on June 30th. The attached resolution would terminate the City of Tumwater emergency at the end of the day on June 30th.

The City will continue to practice, encourage, and allow certain measures that came out of the pandemic, including reduced office hours (M-F; 10-4), teleworking, virtual public meetings, online transactions, sanitation, masking, and vaccine availability.

3) Policy Support:

2021-2022 Strategic Priorities:

“ Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity.”

“Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services.”

“Refine and Sustain a Great Organization.”

“Promote employee safety”

4) Alternatives:

☐ Terminate the emergency on a different date.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The emergency has allowed greater flexibility in spending and procedures. With the

expiration of the emergency, regular procedures would be restored. The City received significant CARES and ARP funds that were used to cover costs of City equipment and supplies, business and housing support, lost revenue, and employee costs such as overtime.

6) Attachments:

A. Resolution No. R2022-010