

RESOLUTION NO. 1085

CITY OF LACEY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY FINDING THAT THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.

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 on 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 of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as high, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health has confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the State of Washington, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the general public, and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Thurston County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution declaring the COVID-19 outbreak a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Thurston County Board of Health passed a Resolution imposing restrictions on events over 250 people and requiring social distancing measures for events under 250 people to assist with the prevention of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Lacey declared a local emergency on March 13, 2020, which allowed the City of Lacey to undertake emergency purchases and emergency public works pursuant to RCW 36.32.270 and RCW 39.04.020 as such purchases or public works required immediate action occasioned by the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of fifty (50) people or more and implementing measures to contain the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention issued recommendations limiting gatherings to ten (10) persons or fewer.

NOW THEREFORE, the Lacey City Council declares as follows:

Section 1. The conditions stated in the above recitals, incorporated herein, constitute an emergency for the City of Lacey, which necessitates activation of the City of Lacey Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to 38.52.070(2) and LMC 6.01 (Ordinance no. 1103).

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, City departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the PLAN, are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons, property, and the environment, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the PLAN.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to request all available state and federal assistance necessary to respond to this emergency.

Section 4. The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and expire on April 28, 2020, unless further extended by formal action of the Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, this 19th day of March, 2020.

LACEY CITY COUNCIL

By 

Mayor

Attest:

Pere Edmonds
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney