



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19

March 31, 2020

During these unprecedented times, the City of Lacey and the Lacey City Council are working hard to support our community. We have joined forces with our Community Partners and continue to work diligently to find local, state, and federal resources to mitigate the financial impact of this crisis. The City Council implement the following initiatives to help our community endure and respond during this critical time.

LACEY SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION FUND EMERGENCY GRANTS

Council approved \$500,000 to provide relief and/or assistance to qualifying small businesses in Lacey that have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19. The Thurston EDC's Center for Business & Innovation is accepting applications for the emergency grant program. Grants can be made for up to \$10,000. More information is available at bit.ly/EDCCOVID19.

UNITED WAY COVID-19 FUNDING

Council approved \$50,000 to United Way-Thurston County to provide relief to unemployed and impacted individuals and households as a result of COVID-19. The funding supports:

- Senior Services for South Sound Meals on Wheels
- Nurse Family Partnership Program
- Community Action Council
- Catholic Community Services
- Interfaith Work

UTILITY BILLING FEE SUSPENSIONS

The following exceptions will be made for delinquent utility bill accounts during this crisis:

- No interest or late fees.
- No disconnection of services.

B&O TAX PAYMENT DEFERRAL

Council also approved the deferral of business and occupation tax until July 31.

TEMPORARY SIGN REGULATION REVISIONS

This temporary revision allows for use of commercial banners and sandwich boards. It also authorizes the Community & Economic Development Director additional flexibility regarding signage, if needed.

INSPECTION CONTINUATION

The City's administrative staff will continue inspections of essential construction projects that meet the provisions of the Governor's order issued on March 25. This includes construction related to:

- Essential activities as described in the Governor's order.
- Further a public purpose related to a public entity or governmental function or facility, including but not limited to publicly financed low-income housing.
- Prevent spoliation and avoid damage or unsafe conditions, and address emergency repairs at both non-essential business and residential structures.

For more information, contact the Lacey Building Department at **(360) 491-5642** .