



City of Tacoma

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

A PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY; WAIVING CERTAIN CONTRACTING AND BUDGET REQUIREMENTS, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO TAKE OTHER STEPS IN RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS the Department of Emergency Management and the Tacoma Pierce County Department of Health has reported to the Mayor and City Manager, that the world is experiencing a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by a virus easily spread from person to person; and

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

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in Washington State, and directed state agencies and departments to use resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine proclaimed an emergency within King County due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier proclaimed an emergency within Pierce County due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the rapidly spreading COVID-19 virus a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS these problems have caused a threat to the health and lives of the citizens of Tacoma, and require immediate action to preserve public health and protect life; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as Director of the City's Emergency Management, has determined that it is necessary for the City to proclaim a state of emergency and to take actions authorized under Chapter 1.10 (Emergency Management) of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") and Chapter 38.52 (Emergency Management) of the Revised

Code of Washington ("RCW") including, but not limited to, the definitions in RCW 38.52.010, the authorizations in RCW 38.52.070 and RCW 38.52.110, the liability, immunity, and indemnification provisions of RCW 38.52.180, et. seq.; Now, Therefore,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL that an emergency caused by COVID-19 exists in the City of Tacoma; therefore, City of Tacoma departments are authorized to do the following:

- (1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency situations to protect the health and safety of persons; and
- (2) provide appropriate emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency; and
- (3) other actions, as appropriate.

Each City of Tacoma department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

This Proclamation shall be confirmed by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

Dated this 12 th day of March, 2020.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Issued and requested by:

EOD Paul
City Manager
Emergency Management Director

Approved as to form:

William Foster
City Attorney

Attest:

Doris Sorum
Doris Sorum
City Clerk

