

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF ASTORIA

WHEREAS, ORS 401.035 and the City of Astoria's Emergency Operations Plan provides authority for the Mayor and City Council to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, this declaration will be in effect for 30 days and may be renewed, or until the Mayor and Council determine that a state of emergency and the current threat no longer exists; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spreading throughout the United States and has impacted several Counties within Oregon. Although there are no confirmed positive cases in Clatsop County this is likely to change; and

WHEREAS, City staff have expended and will continue to expend City resources in response to the COVID-19 threat; and

WHEREAS, all departments within the City have taken precautionary measures to minimize the impacts of a COVID-19 outbreak within the City of Astoria. A significant amount of staff time has been put into planning around COVID-19 and will continue as this situation evolves;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Astoria formally declares a state of emergency for all of the City of Astoria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

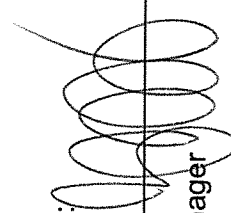
1. Pursuant to this declaration of a state of emergency, the City Council is authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency.
2. This declaration specifically authorizes the city to:
 - Seek state and federal assistance and potential reimbursement for local funds spent on COVID-19 response;
 - Use streamlined processes for purchasing goods and services as allowed under Oregon law during emergency situations; and
 - Follow emergency plans and procedures as may be needed to protect the public health within the scope of state law and the city's Charter and code.
3. City Staff shall take all necessary steps allowed by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency including such as adopting procedures to minimize the risk of exposure to the public and City Staff, requesting assistance and seeking reimbursement from the State of Oregon and the appropriate federal agencies.

Section 1. Effective Date The provisions of this Resolution shall be effective March 16, 2020.

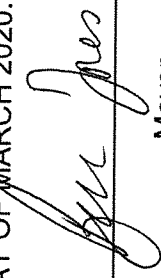
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH 2020.

APPROVED BY THE CITY MAYOR THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH 2020.

ATTEST:



City Manager



Mayor

ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION YEA NAY ABSENT

Councilor	Rocka	X		
	Brownson	X		
	Herman	X		
	West			
Mayor	Jones	X		