

RESOLUTION 1928

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S MARCH 11, 2020 PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Governor of the State of Washington and King County Executive have declared national and state emergencies as a result of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a serious respiratory illness that may result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Bend desires to declare an emergency in order to take such actions as may be necessary to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the virus has to date proven to be highly contagious with no known cure, placing approximately 1 in 5 individuals in serious to critical condition because of contracting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) identifies the public health threat as “high”, and on March 11, 2020, declared a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, Washington State, and the City of North Bend significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Washington State, and is a public emergency that affects life, health, property; and the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the City performs essential functions such as public safety, delivery of water and wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, the City is at high risk of being impacted by the novel coronavirus COVID-19, which upon diagnosis requires specific medical treatment and quarantine to reduce the virus’ spread throughout the general population; and

WHEREAS, the risk to City employees is real and the infection of just one employee may cause the mandatory quarantine of essential employees; and

WHEREAS, as of March 11, 2020 the number of confirmed cases in King County is currently 234, with dozens under observation and 26 known deaths have occurred because of the virus; and

WHEREAS, researchers at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington have shown that COVID-19 may have been circulating in Washington State for approximately 6-weeks; and

WHEREAS, in the event of community transition within the City of North Bend proactive measures are being taken to protect employees and the public, including the purchase of additional emergency supplies, potential sanitization of city facilities, support of impacted employees, and a potential reduction in service;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The North Bend City Council hereby ratifies and confirms the Proclamation of Local Emergency, as issued by Mayor McFarland on March 11, 2020, hereto attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2. A state of emergency exists under the emergency powers delegated under RCW 38.52.070, North Bend Municipal Code Chapter 2.68 and the City of North Bend Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan dated September 2015. The City may take all actions authorized by law for the purpose of protecting public health and our employees as necessary, including the purchasing of supplies and contracting for services that may be needed urgently without opportunity for budget amendment or bidding formalities. This declaration only applies to services, supplies and executive policies directly related to the management of novel coronavirus COVID-19.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Effective: March 17, 2020

Posted: March 18, 2020

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk