



MAYOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-05

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 virus has to date proven to be highly contagious with no known cure; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services for the City of North Bend reported to the Office of the Mayor that conditions relative to the pandemic constitute a threat to the safety and welfare of the citizens and staff of North Bend; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Bend Municipal Code Chapter 2.68 and RCW 38.52.070, the Mayor of the City of North Bend declared an emergency on March 11, 2020 in order to take such actions as may be necessary to protect the public health and safety (“Mayor’s Proclamation”); 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, on March 17, 2020, the North Bend City Council ratified and confirmed the Mayor’s Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the City performs essential functions such as public safety, delivery of water and wastewater treatment; 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, in the event of community transmission within the City of North Bend proactive measures are being taken to protect employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to public safety of citizens, staff and others and for the economic future and protection of our businesses, that effective and immediate actions be implemented by the Mayor under his executive authority to address this pandemic threat; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, the Mayor issued Executive Order No. 20-01; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued Executive Order 20-02 closing playgrounds, sports courts, skate parks, BMX bike parks, ballfields and picnic shelters consistent with the Governor’s Stay Home Stay Healthy Order; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Safe Start Washington (“Safe Reopening Plan”) providing a phased approach by county to reopening Washington State; and

WHEREAS, King County has moved to Phase II of the Safe Reopening Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise Executive Order 20-02 to remain consistent with the Governor’s guidance on recreational activity and the Safe Reopening Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, BY THE POWER VESTED IN HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ORDER AND DIRECT:

Section 1. Use of Playgrounds and Active Recreation Areas. Playgrounds, sports courts, skate parks, BMX bike parks, ballfields and picnic shelters may be used consistent with the Safe Reopening Plan. Effective June 19, 2020 this allows the following recreational activities:

- Use of all parks and trails where 6-foot physical distancing can be maintained for groups of 5 persons or less outside of the immediate household.
- Use of ballfields and sports courts for groups of 5 persons or less outside of the immediate household where 6-foot physical distancing can be maintained.
- Use of the Torguson Climbing Wall while maintaining a 6-foot physical separation at all times.
- Use of the Torguson Pump Track for single riders maintaining a minimum 6-foot physical separation at all times.
- Use of playgrounds for small groups of 5 persons or less maintaining a 6-foot separation between children from different households.
- Use of all park restrooms with some modified hours of operation and practicing social distancing.
- Use of picnic shelters for groups of 5 persons or less.

Section 2. Parks Included. This Executive Order shall apply to all public parks located within the corporate limits of the City of North Bend whether owned or operated by the City of North Bend, Si View Metropolitan Park District or by a homeowner’s association.

Section 3. Recreation Guidance. This Executive Order adopts by reference and incorporates the Safe Reopening Plan and any associated guidance for use of recreational facilities in King County as now existing or hereafter amended or revised. Any expansion and approval of use of recreational activities consistent with the Safe Reopening Plan and associated guidance shall automatically be approved under this Executive Order without further action.

Section 4. Violations. Violations of this order may result in civil infractions being issued and fines up to \$500 for each violation.

DATED this 19th day of June, 2020

CITY OF NORTH BEND



Mayor Rob McFarland