

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over the course of the past several weeks, increasing diagnoses of COVID-19 have been made in King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties; and

WHEREAS, based on available information disseminated from health authorities, the course of COVID-19, which has demonstrated a dramatic spike in occurrence before dissipating, has the potential to overwhelm available medical care during such a spike; and

WHEREAS, proclamation of civil emergency will authorize city officials to take necessary extraordinary measures that are required to inhibit a dramatic spike in occurrences of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, measures taken at the federal, state and county level pursuant to emergency authority, will have dire impact on the city's business, civic and educational systems; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reviewed actions taken at the federal, state and county level, as well as response throughout cities across the state in addition to consulting with the city's department directors and local health authorities and based on that consultation finds a proclamation of civil emergency to be necessary and appropriate;

NOW THEREFORE, I, John J. Caulfield, City Manager of the City of Lakewood, as a result of the above-noted situation and pursuant to the provisions set forth in Chapter 8.08 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, do hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to Lakewood Municipal Code 8.80.070(A), an emergency exists in the City of Lakewood, State of Washington. Based on my review of the present circumstances, emergency measures taken at the federal, state and county level and consultation with city department directors and local health authorities, I declare that an emergency exists, as defined in LMC 8.80.030, due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which to date has caused serious health consequences including death. The response will require the use of all city resources and the need to access state and federal resources and financial mechanisms.

Section 2: I direct that the plans and procedures in the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) for the City of Lakewood be implemented. City departments are directed to utilize city resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist in an effort to respond to and recover from the impacts of COVID-19, both directly and as the result of any measures taken to control spread of the disease. I delegate to City Department Directors generally, under the authority of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), to reassign personnel from their ordinary duties to work deemed necessary for the emergency without regard to job classifications and to require work beyond normal working hours; to purchase supplies and materials necessary to address the emergency; and to secure the assistance of volunteers and donations of supplies or the use of equipment in performing tasks that facilitate the city's emergency response.

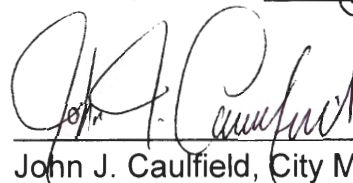
Section 3: In accordance with RCW 39.04.280(1)(c) and (1)(e) and Lakewood Municipal Code 08.80.060, the undersigned has determined that this emergency situation requires the waiver of competitive bidding requirements and the award of necessary contracts necessary to address the emergency and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Section 4: To the extent practical, a copy of this Proclamation shall be made available to all media outlets within Pierce County and to the general public. In order to give the widest dissemination of this Proclamation to the public, as many other practical means available shall be used, including but not limited to posting on public facilities, and posting on the City's website, <www.cityoflakewood.us>.

Section 5: This Proclamation shall, within forty eight (48) hours, or as soon as practical, be filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council, for ratification and confirmation, or modification or rejection, and if rejected, this Proclamation shall be void. If the City Council rejects this Proclamation, such rejection shall not affect the City's responsibility for actions undertaken prior to such rejection, including the City's responsibilities including the actual costs incurred by those who were ordered by or entered into contracts with the City.

This proclamation shall be terminated by issuance of another proclamation when it is determined that extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety and welfare. Before termination of this civil emergency, there will be consultation with Department Directors and health officials to determine whether there are any fiscal, public safety response or disaster recovery imperatives that require the continuation of emergency measures.

DONE at Lakewood, Washington this 16th day of March, 2020 at 11:45 a.m./p.m.



John J. Caulfield, City Manager