



Proclamation of Public Health Emergency

WHEREAS, the City of Burien, Municipal Code 2.75.070 empowers the City Manager to issue an executive order to proclaim an emergency, which order shall be in effect until such time that it is determined that the extraordinary measures detailed therein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency (Proclamation 20-05) for all counties in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County, enabling King County to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and can easily spread from person to person and the reported number of cases are increasing daily; and

WHEREAS, the department of Public Health – Seattle and King County is regularly updating guidance on reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and following such guidance may restrict regular government functions; and

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors, and personnel; and

WHEREAS, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City may require supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources and the duration of the event is unknown; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions relating to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Manager, proclaims that an emergency exists in the City of Burien and declares as follows:

- A local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.
- In order to prepare for and respond to this emergency, the City Manager authorizes the City to take necessary measures as authorized pursuant BMC 2.75.070, RCW 38.52.070(2) and 39.04.280; including waiving the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice with reference to any contract relating to the City's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional

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and/or technical consultants. Each City department designated is hereby authorized to exercise the powers vested in this proclamation in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally required by law, except constitutional mandates.

- This executive order shall be confirmed and adopted by the Burien City Council at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON


Brian J. Wilson

City Manager

Date: 3/09/2020

By:

Title: City Manager

Date: March 9, 2020