

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-09

A RESOLUTION declaring a local public health emergency.

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020 the Governor of the state of Washington proclaimed that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the state of Washington as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Clark County Public Health Department confirmed the first case of COVID-19 within Clark County.

WHEREAS, the Director/Health Officer of Clark County Public Health Department has reported to the Clark County Council that beginning March 6, 2020, COVID-19, a potentially life threatening infectious disease was identified in Clark County.

WHEREAS, this COVID-19 can result in serious illness or death and have serious impacts to the health and well-being of the public and can overwhelm the health and medical system in Clark County;

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial likelihood of risk to the citizens of Clark County and the seven cities therein unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency for the County, necessitating activation of the Clark County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to Clark County Code Chapter 2.48A, RCW 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1);

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW and County Code Chapter 2.48A, the County Council of Clark County, Washington does resolve as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Clark County Code 2.48A.070, the Chair of the County Council declares there is an emergency that requires immediate measures to protect the public health and safety of Clark County citizens.

Section 2. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Clark County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (PLAN), due to the imminent threat of the spread of in Clark County.

Section 3. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, County departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the PLAN, are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the County, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the PLAN.

Section 4. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate at midnight (first Wednesday following the 30th day after the date this resolution is adopted) unless extended or limited by the County Council.



Eileen Quiring Clark County Chair