

RESOLUTION NO. 20-1346

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AFFIRMING THE MAYOR OF BLACK DIAMOND'S PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, IN ORDER TO INSTITUTE EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PROTECT CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued a Proclamation 20-05, declaring a State of Emergency in all counties of the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-07, prohibiting all events or other gatherings of more than 250 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Inslee announced that all K-12 public and private schools in Washington must close until at least April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25, prohibiting all people in Washington State from leaving their homes or participating in social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Inslee announced a month-long extension of Proclamation 20-25, which will now continue through May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") has identified the public health threat posed by the novel coronavirus pandemic as "high"; 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, to reduce the potential for community transmission within the City of Black Diamond 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; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor of Black Diamond declared an emergency pursuant to RCW 38.52.070, for the purpose of protecting public health and City employees as necessary and allow for the purchasing of supplies and contracting for services that may be needed urgently without opportunity for budget amendment to manage the novel coronavirus COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the emergency powers granted in RCW 38.52.070, RCW 39.04.280 provides for emergency declarations and competitive bidding exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors, and staff is of the utmost importance to the City and the City Council wishes to affirm the Mayor's declaration of an emergency and to further support the City's efforts to respond to the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to BDMC 2.44.090.B, the City Council affirms the Mayor's Proclamation of Local Emergency, made in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and authorizes the execution of contracts or agreements or other actions necessary for the purpose of protecting public health and our employees as necessary. The City Council further hereby authorizes City forces to respond to the emergency in the most effective and expedient manner, without regard for the procedures and formalities that would otherwise govern the assignment of duties, procurement of materials, and contracting of services in accordance with RCW 38.52.070 and RCW 39.04.280.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A SPECIAL MEETING THEREOF, THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:



Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brenda L. Martinez

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk