



PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Director and Federal, State and County emergency management officials have reported that several patients in the region have tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued warning regarding the impacts and severity of this event; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease which is new to humans and can cause serious illness, including pneumonia, and can result in death; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 in all counties in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the King County Executive proclaimed a State of Emergency in King County in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the lives, public peace, safety and welfare of the residents of Black Diamond during this outbreak of COVID-19 is of utmost importance; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Black Diamond may require supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, conditions warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, I, CAROL BENSON, AS MAYOR OF CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, DO PROCLAIM FOLLOWS:

- A. Pursuant to Black Diamond Municipal Code (“BDMC”) Chapter 2.44.060(A)(B), after consultation with our Emergency Management Director and relevant federal, State and County emergency management officials, I hereby proclaim an emergency exists, as defined in BDMC 2.44.015, in the City of Black Diamond as a result of COVID-19, which is new to humans and can cause serious illness, including pneumonia, and even death.

- B. Effective upon my signing this Proclamation, the Mayor is hereby empowered with emergency powers vested to the Mayor by way of RCW Chapter 38.52 and BDMC Chapter 2.44.
- C. A copy of this Proclamation shall be filed with the City Clerk and, to the extent practicable, shall be available to the general public. In order to give the widest dissemination of this Proclamation to the public, as many other available means as may be practical to use shall be used, including but not limited to posting on public facilities and public address systems.
- D. This Proclamation shall be in effect until such a time it is terminated by executive order.



Carol Benson, Mayor

3/13/2020

Date