

RESOLUTION 20-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19, INVOKING THE EMERGENCY POWERS SET FORTH IN RCW 38.52.070, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST STATE, FEDERAL OR OTHER FUNDING AS NECESSARY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON THE CITY.

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) beginning on January 27, 2020; and;

WHEREAS, ON February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee of the state of Washington proclaimed that a state of emergency exists in all counties in the state of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented, and stating this situation may last for a significant period of time and cause a threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee of the state of Washington ordered the closure of schools in the State from March 17, 2020 through at least April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a contagious respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the United State Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the potential health threat posed by COVID-19 as high, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, the public health risk associated with this emergency situation should be closely monitored by the City and acted upon quickly and as necessary by the Mayor and City staff; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that declaring an emergency exists and passage of this Resolution authorizing certain actions on behalf of the City to be taken by the Mayor and City staff is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City; now therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A state of emergency within the City of Bridgeport is declared as a result of the COVID-19 virus and shall remain in effect until such time as the Mayor determines the virus no longer presents an immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

Section 2. All emergency power and authority set forth in the applicable provisions of Chapter 38.52 RCW and other legal authorities are hereby invoked, including without limitation, the right to enter into contracts, employ temporary workers, and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law.

Section 3. The Mayor and City staff are authorized to request all available state and federal financial and other assistance necessary to respond to the emergency that is the subject of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

RESOLVED this 18th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:



JANET CONKLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



JUDY BROWN, CITY CLERK/TREASURER