

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rescind Amendments to:) Resolution
) CE No. 20-29 & TLS 20-26
) (REF CE No. 20-26B &
Proclamation of Pre-existing Home Sales) TLS 20-22B)
Agreements Proceed During the COVID-19 Stay)
Home Stay Healthy Governor Proclamation.) Current Expense &
) Transportation Land Services
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WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington as a result of the COVID -19 outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-person spread of COVID -19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington found that the outbreak significantly impacts the life and health of the people of the State of Washington, as well as the economy of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners in an effort to maintain the local economy and to reduce the impact of homelessness for Douglas County constituents due to residential construction not being deemed an essential service by the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation 20-05, the Board of Commissioners enacted Resolution CE 20-26B & TLS 20-22B; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a conference call with staff members of the Governor’s Office on April 14, 2020 and the Governor has not responded with clarifying answers to the questions presented by Douglas County specific to his proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners questions to the Governor about the specific facts and science applied allowing the continued construction of Key Arena has not been shared, so that the same science and facts may be applied to private construction of single-family homes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s decision to not adhere to federal guidelines that recognize residential construction as an essential infrastructure activity; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation creates a significant lack of equity within industries, resulting in financial benefit for some and financial detriment for others; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office has chosen to disregard authority of assessment for local health impacts and needs via the statement of support for the continuance of residential construction by the Chelan-Douglas Health District; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020 a letter was received from the General Counsel of the Governor's Office directing the Board of Commissioners to immediately rescind Resolution CE 20-26B & TLS 20-22B in order to comply with the Governor's statewide emergency order; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has implied state agencies under his control can apply fines and fees to local contractors, and these local contractors would not be protected under Douglas County's proclamations or actions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners reluctantly rescind proclamation CE No. 20-26B & TLS 20-22B under threat of civil and criminal prosecution from the Governor's Office.

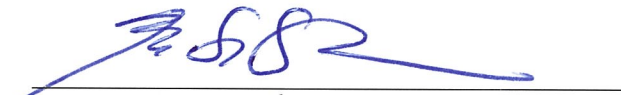
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, all contractors have until noon Wednesday, April 22, 2020 to safely and efficiently secure their construction sites.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2020, in the Douglas County Public Services Building, 140 NW 19th St., East Wenatchee, Washington.

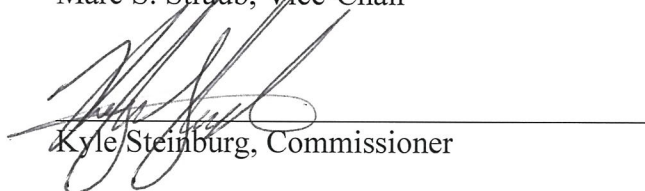
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