

CITY OF RAINIER DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

Whereas, the novel coronavirus causes a disease known as COVID-19, which is respiratory disease with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life and is a threat to public health and safety; and

Whereas, multiple cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Oregon;

and Whereas, the Governor of the State of Oregon has declared by Executive Order No. 20-03 a statewide public health state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID19 in Oregon;

Whereas the Columbia County Board of Commissioners has declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in Columbia County, Oregon;

Whereas the negative economic impact upon the Business in the City of Rainier are harmful;

and Whereas, to ensure the City of Rainier is fully prepared for the local outbreak of COVID-19 and has the resources and authority needed to respond to the disease, a declaration of emergency is necessary;

now therefore I, JERRY COLE, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RAINIER, DECLARE:

Section 1. A local public health state of emergency due to COVID-19 exists within the territorial limits of the City of Rainier.

Section 2. This declaration is effective on March 16th, 2020, at 12 a.m. and shall remain in effect until 12 p.m. on April 30th, 2020.

Section 3. For the duration of the emergency, unless otherwise specified by the Mayor, the ordinary line of succession remains in effect.

Section 4. To protect the health of City employees, the City Administration may issue emergency rules or guidance on the use of sick leave, telework, remote work, or other policies that shall be in effect only for the duration of the emergency.

Section 5. The City and its officials are authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as described in Rainier City Charter Chapter II section 4 and 5 as are determined to be necessary to protect lives and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency.

Section 6. The emergency procurement of goods and services are authorized pursuant to the Oregon Public Contracting Code and applicable rules of the Rainier Purchasing Code. Declaration of a State of Emergency

Section 7. The City's Mayor shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate the response and recovery of this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance from the State of Oregon and Columbia County.

CITY OF RAINIER, OREGON

Jerry Cole, Mayor Rainier Oregon