**proclamation of local emergency**

**City of BLAINE, Washington**

**WHEREAS**, novel Coronavirus COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and has proven it can easily spread from person to person; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has identified a potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and within the United States, including within Washington State; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are documented cases of COVID-19, including deaths caused thereby, within Washington State; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health has confirmed the person-to-person spread of COVID-19 and is finding an increasing risk of exposure and infection to the general public due to its potential to spread quickly; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 on January 31, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19 on February 29, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu declared a public health emergency regarding COVID-19 on March 10, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is an emergency present which necessitates this Proclamation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE CITY MANAGER** **OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON:**

1. **Proclamation**. It is hereby declared under Blaine Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 2.24 and Chapter 38.52 RCW that COVID-19 is a civil public health emergency that exists within the boundaries of the City of Blaine, Washington that:

A. Demands immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, protect public property, or to provide relief to any stricken neighborhood overtaken by such occurrences; and

B. Could if unattended reach a dimension or degree of destructiveness as to warrant the City Manager proclaiming the existence of an emergency, and the Governor of the State of Washington has already declared a state of emergency; and

C. Could if unattended seriously affect the safety, health, or welfare of a substantial number of citizens of this city, or preclude the operation or use of essential public services and facilities with such magnitude or severity as to necessitate seeking state or county supplementation of local efforts or resources exerted or utilized in alleviating the danger, damage, suffering or hardship faced.

2. **Authority**. This Proclamation of Local Emergency (Proclamation) authorizes the undersigned to exercise such emergency powers as may be lawful under BMC Chapter 2.24, Chapter 38.52 RCW, and any other applicable laws, regulations or ordinances, such as RCW 39.04.280(3) for emergency procurement. Effective upon signature hereto, the undersigned will exercise such lawful authority through the use and direction of City personnel, services, equipment and such additional acts as the undersigned may find necessary in his sole discretion to manage this emergency.

3. **Powers**. Per BMC 2.24.030, RCW 39.04.280(3), and Chapter 38.52 RCW, the City Manager shall have all necessary powers as outlined in law to prepare for, prevent and respond to this emergency, including, by way of example and not limitation, making necessary rules and regulations reasonably related to the emergency, to obtain supplies, equipment, personal property, professional, procured or technical services, etc. (including selecting and awarding such contracts as necessary), such public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, to authorize overtime for personnel, to requisition personnel and material, obtain emergency funding and permitting through federal, state and local agencies, and take such other lawful acts as may be necessary and reasonably related to the emergency situation declared hereunder. The City Manager shall keep the City Council informed of all action taken under this Section 3.

4. **Termination**. This Proclamation shall continue in full force and effect until terminated as prescribed by law or action by the City Manager or by City Council by ordinance and shall be reviewed as a regular agenda item on the City Council’s agenda until such time as this Proclamation is terminated.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Michael Jones

City Manager

City of Blaine, Washington