



EMERGENCY ORDER
IN AND FOR THE CITY OF SEQUIM, WASHINGTON

No. 2020-04

Regarding Governor’s Proclamation “Stay Healthy Stay Safe” – Closing City Parks and penalties for violation.

Policy (Council) **City Clerk use only:** Presented to Council _____
Administrative (City Manager)

On March 16, 2020, at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Sequim, the City Council issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency due to the novel corona virus (COVID-19) outbreak that was identified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.

The Proclamation of Civil Emergency was issued pursuant to Sequim Municipal Code 2.60, RCW 35A.38.010, and RCW 38.52.070(2) based on the public health threat posed by COVID-19, and is consistent with concurrent emergency declarations issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Washington.

On March 23, 2020 Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25 – “Stay Home Stay Healthy”, which ordered everyone to shelter in place until April 6, 2020 unless 1) performing essential activities and/or 2) working in essential business services. “Essential activities” are limited to: 1) getting necessary supplies and services for family/household members, 2) engaging in activities essential to public health/safety for family/household members, 3) caring for family members, friends, etc., and 4) engaging in outdoor exercise **if** appropriate social distancing was followed. People who are in unsafe housing situations, such as domestic violence, or who are experiencing homelessness are exempt from the Proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Closing City Parks and Gathering Areas. The following City Parks are closed until April 6, 2020, unless extended:

- Carrie Blake Park
- Margaret Kirner Park
- Pioneer Memorial Park
- Dr. Standard Park

This includes all structures, fields, benches, picnic shelters, playground equipment, and dog parks. The Olympic Discovery Trail and June Robinson Memorial Park will remain open for walking and



biking the trail and for gardening respectively. Social distancing is required when using these facilities in accordance with Section 1(a)(4) of the Governor's 20-25 Proclamation.

The City's Water Reuse Park and Civic Center Plaza are also closed; people are prohibited from gathering in those areas until April 6, 2020 unless extended.

Section 3. Penalty for Violation. Persons who violate the City's orders are subject to the penalties as set forth in SMC 2.60.140.

Section 4. Presentation, Ratification, Termination. Emergency Orders issued under the March 16, 2020 Proclamation of Civil Emergency will be filed with the Legal Department and presented by the City Clerk as soon as practicable to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification, or rejection, if applicable.

Rejected orders will be void after the Council vote rejecting them.

Until such time as Council acts, Emergency Orders will be considered in full force and effect.

Section 5. Duration. Unless modified, extended, or terminated by the Sequim City Council or Sequim City Manager as applicable, this Emergency Order is effective immediately and remains in effect as stated above, unless extended.

SIGNED this 25th day of March, 2020, at — hours.

CITY OF SEQUIM

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Charles P. Bush, City Manager

Approved as to form:

Kristina Nelson-Gross, City Attorney

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sara McMillon", written over a horizontal line.

Sara McMillon, City Clerk