



EMERGENCY ORDER

IN AND FOR THE CITY OF SEQUIM, WASHINGTON

No. 2020-13

Regarding (1) extending previously issued policy (council) Emergency Orders due to continuation of COVID-19 emergency and extension of governor’s “Stay Home Stay Healthy” proclamation.

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.

On April 2, 2020 the Governor extended his emergency Proclamation (20-05) and his “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Order until May 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Due to continuing necessity and the inability, thus far, to have any emergency order formally extended by the City Council, the currently-issued Emergency Orders will be extended as set forth in Section 1 below.

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

Section 1. Extension of Existing Emergency Orders: The following Emergency Orders are extended to address the continuing COVID-19 emergency:

2020-01 – Closing City Hall; limiting police department services; protections at public meetings; closing playgrounds; limiting Audubon Art Exhibit to digital; providing utility relief; discontinuing utility shutoffs and delinquency charges



2020-04 – Closing City Parks pursuant to Governor’s “Stay Home Stay Healthy” proclamation; providing for penalties

2020-05 – Closing non-essential businesses etc. pursuant to “Stay Home Stay Healthy” proclamation; allowing essential businesses to continue with social distancing/sanitizing measures in place; closing certain nonessential construction activities; Community Development and Public Works continuing to accept and process permit applications; providing for penalties

2020-06 – Rescinding and amending Sections 7 and 10 of Emergency Order 2020-05 to comply with Governor’s clarification on “essential construction”; amending Section 4 of Emergency Order 2020-05; closing city fishpond

Section 2. Penalty for Violation. Persons who violate the City’s orders are subject to the penalties as set forth in SMC 2.60.140.

Section 3. 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 4. 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 until such time as the Governor’s “Stay Home Stay Healthy” order is lifted.

SIGNED this 14th day of April, 2020, at — hours.

CITY OF SEQUIM

Charles P. Bush
Charles P. Bush, City Manager

Attest:

Sara McMillon, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Kristina Nelson-Gross
Kristina Nelson-Gross, City Attorney