



EMERGENCY ORDER
IN AND FOR THE CITY OF SEQUIM, WASHINGTON

No. 2020-20

Reopening certain City parks and facilities; establishing social distancing rules within parks and gathering places.

Policy/Budget (Council) **City Clerk use only:** Presented to Council 06/08/2020
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 March 25, 2020, the City of Sequim issued Emergency Order 2020-04 closing City parks and gathering places.

On April 2, 2020 the Governor extended his emergency Proclamation (20-05) and his “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Proclamation (20-25) until May 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

On April 30, 2020, city staff determined that some parks and gathering places will reopen starting May 5, 2020, with rules established to continue adherence to safe use and social distancing guidelines.

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

Section 1. Repeal Section 1 of Emergency Order 2020-04 and Section 4 of Emergency Order 2020-06.



Section 1 of Emergency Order 2020-04 is repealed. The following order regarding City parks and gathering areas now applies:

- City parks will reopen on May 5, 2020 except for Kirner and Dr. Standard parks, which will remain closed until further order. Social distancing rules will be in place.
- No public gatherings may occur at the reopened parks. This includes events and team sports, including but not limited to soccer, football, baseball, pickleball, and basketball.
- The dog park, skate park, and community gardens will reopen with social distancing requirements in place.
- The restrooms in Carrie Blake Park near the pickleball courts will be reopened. The restrooms in the Water Reuse Area will remain closed until further order.
- The City's restrooms located downtown on Sequim Avenue will reopen.
- The Clallam Transit Center restrooms will continue to be open.
- The following amenities at Carrie Blake Park will remain closed: playground, horseshoes, bocce ball, and shuffleboard.
- No City facilities will be rented.

Section 4 of Emergency Order 2020-06 is repealed. The following order regarding the fishing pond in Carrie Blake Park now applies:

- The fish pond is open with social distancing requirements in place.

Section 2. Social distancing rules established. Visitors to the reopened parks and gathering places must follow these social distancing rules:

- Any person exhibiting any cold or flu-like symptoms are not permitted in the park or gathering place and needs to return home.
- Any City park may be closed at any time if there is reason to believe unsafe conditions exist or social distancing practices are not being followed.
- Recreation partners must be limited to only those who live in the same household.
- Social distancing practices must occur when encountering others.
- Face masks or coverings must be utilized in any situation where social distancing is not possible.

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 until such date and time as the Governor's Proclamations and amendments are lifted.

SIGNED this 29th day of May, 2020, at _____ hours.

CITY OF SEQUIM

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Charles P. Bush, City Manager

Approved as to form:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Nelson-Gross", written over a horizontal line.

Kristina Nelson-Gross, City Attorney

Attest:

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

Sara McMillon, City Clerk