



EMERGENCY ORDER

IN AND FOR THE CITY OF SEQUIM, WASHINGTON

No. 2020-27

Regarding the City of Sequim providing assistance to local businesses moving into Phase 2 Reopening with the "Sequim Open Streets & Special Events Initiative".

Policy/Budget (Council)

City Clerk use only: Presented to Council 7/13/2020

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.

Beginning on March 23, 2020, with Governor Inslee's issuance of Proclamation 20-25 "Stay Home Stay Healthy", state and local governments began to issue orders designed to stop the spread of the virus. The orders established shelter-in-place and physical distancing guidelines, described essential activities, and closed businesses and schools. Over the ensuing weeks, new or revised emergency proclamations and orders have been issued by state and local governments, including the City of Sequim, allowing phased reopening of some businesses and facilities, and establishing programs to ameliorate the impact of the pandemic on the public.

On May 28, 2020, Clallam County received approval from the State of Washington to enter Phase 2 of the Governor's "Safe Start" plan on Monday, June 1, 2020.

On May 31, 2020, the Governor formally issued Proclamation 20-25.4 transitioning the State from "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" to "Safe Start – Stay Healthy", beginning on June 1, 2020, on a county-by-county basis.

On May 29, 2020, City staff developed the attached "Sequim Open Streets & Special Events Initiative" to help businesses comply with "Safe Start" Phase 2 guidance as they begin to reopen. The Initiative includes tactics to be used by the City, the Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses and commercial property owners to work together to facilitate physical distancing by way of well-spaced seating, curbside pickup, and on-the-spot hand sanitizing stations. Under the Initiative the City may provide outdoor picnic tables on City property, identify parking spaces for curbside pickup only, schedule street closures for safe shopping, allow additional signage and outdoor seating, permit art shows and



performances in public spaces, locate hand sanitizing stations near seating areas and at intersections, and waive fees required for Special Event Permits.

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

Section 1. The City will work with the Chamber of Commerce and individual businesses to implement the Sequim Open Streets & Special Events Initiative plan, attached as Appendix A.

Section 2. 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.

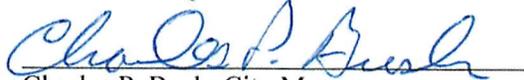
Rejected orders will be void after the Council vote rejecting them.

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

Section 3. 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 all applicable COVID-19 emergency orders have been lifted.

SIGNED this 9th day of June, 2020, at — hours.

CITY OF SEQUIM


Charles P. Bush, City Manager

Approved as to form:



Kristina Nelson-Gross, City Attorney

Attest:



Sara McMillon, City Clerk



APPENDIX A

Sequim Open Streets & Special Events Initiative

As we move into the next stage of the Safe Start Washington's Phased Reopening plan, businesses can begin reopening with certain safety measures in place. Restaurants can reopen at 50% capacity and other businesses may operate at a limited capacity.

Space restrictions can pose challenges for businesses as they reopen. The City is working alongside the business community to find solutions to those limitations so businesses can meet legal directives for COVID-19 and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To accomplish this, the Department of Community Development Director and/or Public Works Director may exercise their discretion by temporarily waiving certain Special Event Permit conditions and fees to allow businesses to creatively expand their capacity and activity. This may mean allowing outdoor space typically dedicated for parking or other uses to be used to meet Safe Start guidelines instead.

The City will work with the Chamber of Commerce on proposals involving public spaces that impact multiple businesses.

Waivers of permit conditions and fees mentioned above will remain in effect until all applicable COVID-19 emergency orders have been lifted.

LIFTING OF MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIREMENTS IN SPECIFIC AREAS:

Applicable sections of the Sequim Municipal Code will have some requirements temporarily lifted or modified in order to provide the following assistance to local businesses and their customers:

- Allow public rights-of-way and open spaces to be put to other uses benefitting the business community through a Special Event Permit submitted by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Allow reduced parking for businesses to utilize private outdoor space, awnings and tents to increase their capacity, accommodate outdoor seating, and enable appropriate physical distancing.
- Allow additional signage for businesses promoting modified services because of COVID-19 so long as signage does not decrease sight-distance.
- Allow curbside pickup signs in public rights-of-way so long as the City designates placement.
- Allow waivers of fees and certain conditions for Special Event permits.
- Allow temporary public art and music displays and performances through the review of a Special Event Permit submitted by the Chamber of Commerce.