



**CITY OF PORT ORCHARD  
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of Washington proclaimed a state of emergency for all counties in the state of Washington due to the spread of a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the spread of COVID-19 had resulted in a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and authorized Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance and aid pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207; and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap Public Health District has identified at least five positive cases of COVID-19 in Kitsap County, and the Kitsap Public Health District Health Officer reports that it will likely spread and cause adverse health impacts to the residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, according to medical experts from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Kitsap Public Health District, COVID-19 poses a substantial likelihood of risk of severe illness for persons at a higher risk, including older adults, pregnant women, and people with other health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has classified COVID-19 as endemic to the Puget Sound region;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORT ORCHARD** that an emergency exists in the City of Port Orchard as a result of the aforementioned conditions and, therefore:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to this proclamation and RCW 35A.34.140, RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 39.04.280, the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice are hereby waived with reference to any contract relating to the lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services, or public works, or any contract for professional or personal services necessary to prepare for, prevent, and respond to this emergency.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to this proclamation, City of Port Orchard departments are authorized to take actions necessary to mitigate and prevent this threat to public health and safety and impacts upon publicly-owned infrastructure, including issuance of emergency permits, re-assignment of personnel, modifications of employee work schedules, and other measures necessary to ensure the health and safety of the City's employees and the public.



**Section 3.** A copy of this proclamation shall be disseminated via the City's regular means for official notices and shall be made available to the media and general public.

**Section 4.** This proclamation shall expire ninety (90) days from the date of issuance, unless extended or earlier terminated by the Mayor.

Issued by the Mayor of Port Orchard on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Robert Putaansuu, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brandy Rinearson, MMC, City Clerk

