

City of Westport **EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER**



WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of Washington State proclaimed that a state of emergency exists in all counties in the state of Washington for the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic; and

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

WHEREAS COVID-19 has the potential to adversely affect the health of people in Grays Harbor County; and

WHEREAS, the Grays Harbor County Health Officer and the Director of Grays Harbor County Public Health reported to the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners on March 2, 2020, that COVID-19 can result in serious impacts to the health and well-being of the public and could overwhelm the health and medical system in Grays Harbor County; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners declared an emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial likelihood of risk to the citizens of Grays Harbor County and the cities therein unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the City, necessitating activation of the Grays Harbor County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 38.52.110(1),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY the Mayor of the City of Westport, Grays Harbor County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Grays Harbor County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (PLAN), due to the imminent spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the City of Westport in Grays Harbor County.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1 the City shall have the emergency powers set forth in RCW 38.52.070(2):

In carrying out the provisions of this chapter each political subdivision, in which any disaster as described in RCW 38.52.020 occurs, shall have the power to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster, protecting the health and safety of persons and property, and providing emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster. Each political subdivision is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this section in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including, but not limited to, budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

Section 3. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, all City departments are authorized to assign personnel, modify employee work schedules and to close City buildings to the public.

Section 4. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate at midnight following the 90th day after the date of this order unless extended or terminated earlier by the Mayor of the City of Westport.

SIGNED this 17th Day of March, 2020,

Rob Bearden, Mayor

ATTEST

Margo Tackett, Clerk-Treasurer