

CITY OF WESTPORT  
ORDINANCE NO. 1633

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING ALL COMMERCIAL LODGING FACILITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VACATION HOME RENTALS, HOTELS, MOTELS, CONDOMINIUMS, RV PARKS, CAMPGROUNDS, PRIVATE PROPERTY BEING USED AS CAMPGROUNDS, AND ANY OTHER TRANSIENT RENTAL BUSINESSES TO CLOSE, EXCEPT FOR LIMITED OCCUPANCIES AS PROVIDED BELOW, DUE TO THE STATE AND CITY EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO STEM THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, the City of Westport Mayor declared an Emergency Executive Order dated March 17, 2020 to limit public contact by closing all City Offices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westport City Council passed Resolution #928 supporting the Emergency Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westport Mayor and City Council desire to protect the Westport citizens and community; and

WHEREAS, there has been an influx of out of the area visitors that are not following the Governor's declared state of emergency on February 29, 2020 for the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Westport Mayor and City Council direct all commercial lodging facilities including, but not limited to, transient vacation rental homes, hotels, motel, condominiums, RV Parks, campgrounds, private property being used as campgrounds, and any other transient rental businesses to be closed effective this date to limit the influx of outside visitors that could potentially spread the COVID-19 virus, except that said commercial lodging facilities may remain open to serve only the following designated groups: users registered for longer than 30 days, owners of said properties, any person working directly on the COVID-19 response (this includes healthcare professionals, first responders, national guard, law enforcement, local, state and federal government employees, and other essential personnel responding to the COVID-19 emergency where lodging in Westport is necessary for work involving the safety of human life or the protection of property), any person required by their employment to travel to Westport to provide services, shipping, or deliveries (this includes truck drivers and service providers); and any person paying for commercial lodging with a voucher issued by, or direct payment by, a government entity; and

WHEREAS, any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a criminal Misdemeanor offense punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.00; and

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY OF WESTPORT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All commercial lodging facilities including, but not limited to, transient vacation rental homes, hotels, motel, condominiums, RV Parks, campgrounds, private property being used as campgrounds, and any other transient rental businesses shall immediately close and remain closed until further Executive Order of the Mayor of the City of Westport, except that said commercial lodging facilities may remain open to serve only the following designated groups: users registered for longer than 30 days, owners of said properties, any person working directly on the COVID-19 response (this includes healthcare professionals, first responders, national guard, law enforcement, local, state and federal government employees, and other essential personnel responding to the COVID-19 emergency where lodging in Westport is necessary for work involving the safety of human life or the protection of property), any person required by their employment to travel to Westport to provide services, shipping, or deliveries (this includes truck drivers and service providers), and any person paying for commercial lodging with a voucher issued by, or direct payment by, a government entity;

2. Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a criminal Misdemeanor offense punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.00.

3. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

4. This Ordinance is hereby declared and designated as a Public Emergency Ordinance necessary for the protection of public health, safety, public property, or the public peace and shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED THIS DATE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTPORT, WASHINGTON.

DATED: APRIL 13, 2020

APPROVED:

  
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ROBIN BEARDEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MARGO R. TACKETT, CLERK-TREAS.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Wayne D. Hagen, Jr.  
WAYNE D. HAGEN, JR., CITY ATTORNEY