



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ó March 22, 2020

WESTPORT, WASHINGTON ó The City of Westport is implementing further changes to stem the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in response to the large influx of out of area visitors to our community during this pandemic.

In addition to declaring an emergency on March 17, 2020, the City of Westport has adopted the following Resolution #930 on March 21, 2020:

An emergency resolution directing all vacation rental homes, hotels, motels, and any other transient rental business to close 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

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Westport Mayor and City Council direct all transient vacation rental homes, hotels, motels or other transient rental businesses, except for current users registered for longer than 30 days and as authorized by the County, State, or Federal Health Authorities, to be closed within 24 hours effective this date to limit the influx of outside visitors that could potentially spread the COVID-19 virus.

The City of Westport does not control the beaches or State Parks, but the City is taking the steps it can to limit access through road closures. The City of Westport does not take these decisions lightly, and the City understands how difficult this situation is for our residents and our local businesses. The City believes that at this time, these changes are in the best interest of our community.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call City Hall at (360) 268-0131. Thank you for your cooperation during this unprecedented time.