

RESOLUTION 1414

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON PROCLAIMING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Washington State Governor issued proclamation 20-05 on February 29, 2020 declaring a worldwide outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) created a State of Emergency in all Washington Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Governor issued proclamation 20-07 on March 11, 2020 prohibiting gatherings in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties of 250 people or more for social, spiritual and recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities to combat the spread of novel coronavirus and COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Governor issued proclamation 20-11 on March 13, 2020 expanding proclamation 20-07 to all counties of the State of Washington until midnight on March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States issued a "Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak" on March 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as high, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur; and,

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of the utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City may require supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions related to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Dayton, Washington do hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1: Declaration of Emergency

An emergency, specifically covered under Chapter 38.52 RCW, exists within the City of Dayton, Washington, as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout Washington State and Columbia County significantly impacts the life and health of those living and working in Dayton, as well as continuity of operations and government at the City, and is a public emergency that affects life, health, property or the public peace. Council further finds that an emergency exists pursuant to Section

39.04.280(2)(b) and authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee to waive any necessary competitive bidding requirements related to the COVID-19 emergency.

Section 2: Emergency Powers

All emergency powers and authority set forth in RCW 38.52.070 are hereby invoked, including without limitation to the right to enter into contracts, employ temporary workers and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, except mandatory constitutional requirements.

Section 3: City's Response

- A. The City is committed to protecting residents, businesses, visitors and staff by minimizing the spread of COVID-19. The City has and will continue to follow the guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Washington, and Columbia County Health Department, who prescribe social distancing and minimizing gatherings of people to best combat the spread of COVID-19.
- B. The City will close the Dayton City Public Works Facility and City Hall to the general public beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and until further notice. Citizens may pay their utility bills, submit permit applications, contract staff, and transact other City business via telephone, email, online or by depositing such transactions in the City of Dayton's payment drop box located along the alleyway adjacent to Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328.
- C. The City will waive any late fees that may be accrued to citizen water and sewer utility accounts as a result of late or non-payment.
- D. All water and sewer disconnection processes relating to non or late water payment and procedures shall be waived until May 1, 2020.

Section 4: Adoption of Emergency Proclamation Pay Policy

The City of Dayton here by adopts the COVID-19 Pay Policy where, in the event of an emergency health crisis that requires social distancing as is the case with COVID-19, City Regular employees shall receive their normal salaries/wages and personnel benefits. This policy applies to those employees who are willing and able to work, but for the health and safety reasons would be precluded from doing so in an effort to avoid the spread of COVID-19 within the workplace and in the community.

Section 5: Communication

- A. All updates regarding City functions and actions related to the COVID-19 pandemic will be posted on the City's website in effort to provide the public with the best updated information.
- B. The City will cancel and discourage any unnecessary gatherings of community members and/or staff during the term of this resolution.

Section 6. Mayor's Authorization

The Mayor or his designee is authorized to implement and execute any applicable administrative policies and procedure deemed necessary and appropriate in regards to this Resolution.

Section 7: Effective Date

The provisions of this resolution shall become effective upon adoption and will expire on May 1, 2020 unless further extended by formal action of Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON AT AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING on this 17th day of March 2020.



Zac Weatherford, Mayor of Dayton

Approved as to form:



Quinn Plant, City Attorney

Attest:



Trina Cole, City Administrator