

EMERGENCY ORDER
IN AND FOR THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL,

WASHINGTON No. 2020-03

REGARDING CANCELLATION OF ALL CITY-PERMITTED AND SPONSORED PUBLIC EVENTS AND CLOSURE OF ALL CITY FACILITIES TO THE PUBLIC.

At 18:00 hours on March 13, 2020, the City of Washougal declared an emergency pursuant to Washington State Constitution Article XI, Section 11, Revised Code of Washington Chapter 38.52, and Washougal Municipal Code Chapter 2.48 *et. seq.*, due to the public health threat posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). (Declaration of Emergency No. 2020-01).

According to the World Health Organization as of March 11, 2020, COVID-19 constitutes a global pandemic due to the alarming levels of the spread and severity of the disease and also, in the words of World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, due to the "alarming levels of inaction."

On March 13, 2020, Governor Inslee cancelled large gatherings of more than 250 people in order to minimize the potential health impacts of COVID-19.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Inslee reduced the size limit for this ban on public gatherings to those with 50 or more people. Additionally, all gatherings with under 50 participants are prohibited unless criteria from the CDC for public health and social distancing are met. It is in this context that all City-permitted and sponsored public events are cancelled.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Inslee announced a two-week ban on any food or beverage service, regardless of location, that provides or allows on-site consumption. The ban will not apply to grocery stores and pharmacies. The ban includes, but is not limited to:

- Restaurants
- Food courts
- Bars and taverns
- Wine, beer and spirits tasting venues
- Doughnut shops and ice cream parlors
- Coffee shops and
- Sit down airport restaurants and bars.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Inslee also included entertainment, leisure and non-essential services in the ban. The ban includes, but is not limited to:

- Theaters
- Bowling alleys
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Non-tribal card rooms
- Museums
- Art galleries
- Tattoo parlors
- Barbers, hair salons and nail salons.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Inslee identified that he is also expecting businesses to ensure adequate environmental cleaning of stores and is requiring that stores designate an employee or officer to implement a social distancing plan for their business.

He also is encouraging all of us to be conscientious of the broader community with our shopping for supplies and food. “The supply chain is strong,” Inslee said. “Grocery stores will continue operating and providing services to Washingtonians. There is no need to hoard food or supplies. Everyone needs to only buy what they need, and they need to remember when they overbuy, those things are taken away from their neighbors and others who need them now.”

The City of Washougal regularly hosts and permits large gatherings of people in the regular operation of City business. Further, the City regularly engages with citizens and customers at its various City facilities. Therefore, consistent with the orders of Governor Inslee, the recommendations of the Clark County Department of Public Health and mitigation strategies for communities recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with regard to COVID-19, in order to slow the spread of the disease, and protect the lives of residents of the City of Washougal, I find that immediate implementation of further social distancing and community mitigation measures are necessary.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED
THAT:**

Section 1. Cancellation of City-Permitted and Sponsored Events. All public gatherings sponsored or for which a permit has been issued by the City of Washougal that are scheduled to occur during the Duration of this Emergency Order, are hereby cancelled. This section includes all qualifying special event permits issued pursuant to Washougal Municipal Code Section 9.104 *et. seq.*, but does not include regular or special meetings of the Washougal City Council. No new events will be scheduled prior to April 30.

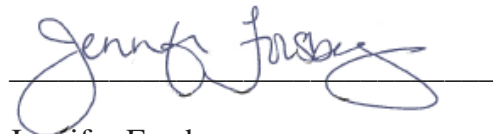
Section 2. Closure of Washougal City Facilities. All Washougal City facilities will be closed to the public. The City will remain open for business during the closure. Information for accessing City services can be found on the City webpage.

Section 3. Duration. Unless modified, extended or terminated by the Washougal City Council or Washougal City Manager, this Emergency Order is hereby effective immediately and shall remain in effect **until** April 30, 2020, at 23:59 hours.

SIGNED, this 16th day of March 2020, at 21:00 hours.

ATTEST:

CITY OF WASHOUGAL



Jennifer Forsberg
City Clerk



David Scott
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Ken Woodrich
City Attorney