

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY
City of Bremerton



WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and Washington State; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new virus strain spreading from person-to-person, and health experts are concerned because little is known about this new virus and it has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia in some people, and health experts are still learning the details of how the virus spreads and the range of illness; and

WHEREAS, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "very high," and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington declared a State of Emergency in response to new cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, the Kitsap Public Health District fully activated their Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, including preparations for a possible outbreak in Kitsap County and assessing possible cases of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Kitsap Public Health District was notified of the first Kitsap County resident testing positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners affirmed a proclamation of emergency made by the director of the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management on Sunday, March 8, 2020, in response to new cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, Washington State has 373 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and of those cases, there have been 30 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the situation is sufficiently serious that it is necessary to proclaim an emergency within the City of Bremerton due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these unforeseen circumstances demand immediate action to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the community, protect life, protect public property, or to provide relief as a result of such occurrence; and

WHEREAS, this constitutes an emergency as defined by the City of Bremerton's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, RCW 38.52.010(9)(a) and/or other applicable federal, state or local law; and

WHEREAS, this emergency necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to City of Bremerton's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the powers granted pursuant to said plan, as well as Chapter 2.26 BMC, RCW 38.52.070(2) and other applicable federal, state and/or local law; and

WHEREAS, BMC 2.26.210 authorizes the Mayor to issue a proclamation declaring that an emergency exists ("State of Emergency") allowing for the utilization of such emergency powers to respond to said emergency, NOW THEREFORE,

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BREMERTON, WASHINGTON
DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings and Recitals. The findings and recitals set forth above are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. That due to the aforesaid circumstances, an emergency exists in Bremerton.

SECTION 3. That due to said proclaimed emergency, City of Bremerton departments are authorized to exercise the powers vested in BMC 2.26.210, RCW 38.52.070, and other applicable law, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) In accordance with BMC 2.76.130, make purchases and enter into related contracts for material, equipment and services necessary and appropriate to address this emergency situation and the implementation of emergency protective measures without the necessity to follow the standard purchasing requirements outlined in Chapter 2.76 BMC;

(b) Make purchases and enter into related contracts for material, equipment and services necessary and appropriate to address the emergency situation without utilization of competitive bidding requirements of Chapter 39.04 RCW;

(c) To take actions deemed necessary to protect the health and safety of persons and property, including any necessary actions needed to obtain emergency supplies through municipal, county, state, or federal agencies;

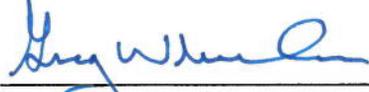
(d) Provide appropriate assistance to the victims of such disaster;

(e) To exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in light 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; and

(f) To take any other emergency protective measures deemed appropriate.

SECTION 4. That no guarantee is implied by the City of Bremerton's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Operations Plan of a perfect emergency response system. As the City of Bremerton, assets and systems may be overwhelmed, the City of Bremerton can only endeavor to make every reasonable effort to respond based on the situation, and information and resources available at this time.

This PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY is executed this 12th day of March, 2020 at 3:37 pm.



GREG WHEELER, Mayor