

## Consent Agenda Item C-6

Covington City Council Meeting

Date: March 24, 2020

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM, ADOPT, AND RATIFY THE CITY OF COVINGTON PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY EXECUTED BY THE CITY MANAGER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

RECOMMENDED BY: Regan Bolli, City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1) Resolution to confirm, adopt, and ratify the City of Covington Proclamation of Emergency, dated March 12, 2020

PREPARED BY: Krista Bates, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

EXPLANATION:

On March 12, 2020, the City of Covington City Manager, Regan Bolli, issued a Proclamation of Emergency authorizing the city to exercise its emergency powers to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 emergency.

The Proclamation of Emergency authorizes the city manager to exercise the powers vested under RCW 38.52.070(2) in the light of the exigencies 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.

The proclamation will expire unless the Covington City Council confirms and adopts the proclamation.

ALTERNATIVES: Allow the emergency proclamation to expire.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown; however, the city manager is authorized under the Proclamation of Emergency to spend funds that have not otherwise been appropriated by the council in the adopted budget.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance  Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Other

**Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ moves, Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ seconds, to pass a Resolution to confirm, adopt, and ratify the City of Covington Proclamation of Emergency executed by the City Manager on March 12, 2020 related to the COVID-19 virus.**

REVIEWED BY: City Manager, City Attorney

# ATTACHMENT 1

## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING, CONFIRMING, AND RATIFYING THE CITY OF COVINGTON PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY EXECUTED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON MARCH 12, 2020 RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

WHEREAS, the City of Covington Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 2.50.050 authorizes the City of Covington City Manager (“City Manager”) to exercise all powers granted under Chapter 38.52 RCW, Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of such authority the City Manager did execute a City of Covington Proclamation of Emergency (“Proclamation”) related to the COVID-19 virus dated March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation shall expire unless adopted and confirmed by the City of Covington City Council (“City Council”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a regular meeting on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt, confirm, and ratify the above-referenced Proclamation and the acts of the city, city departments, staff, and the City Manager that have been and will be taken in connection with the emergency related to the COVID-19 virus;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Covington, King County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. The Proclamation, which is attached as Exhibit A, is adopted, confirmed, ratified, and incorporated herein as if it were set forth in full.

Section 2. Any and all acts undertaken by the city, city departments, staff, and the City Manager consistent with the Proclamation related to the COVID-19 virus issued by the City Manager dated March 12, 2020, and prior to the effective date hereof, are hereby adopted, confirmed, and ratified.

Section 3. Any and all acts undertaken by the city, city departments, staff, and the City Manager consistent with the Proclamation related to the COVID-19 virus issued by the City Manager dated March 12, 2020, and following the effective date hereof, are hereby authorized

until such time as such Proclamation is amended, rescinded, or otherwise terminated by the City Manager or City Council.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the City Council.

PASSED at a regular open public meeting by the City Council of the City of Covington on this 24th day of March, 2020.

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Mayor Jeff Wagner

Attested:

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Sharon Scott, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mark Orthmann, City Attorney

**CITY OF COVINGTON PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Covington Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 2.50.050 authorizes the city manager to exercise all powers granted under Chapter 38.52 RCW, Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, state, regional, and local emergency management officials have reported that multiple patients in the region have tested positive for the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued warnings regarding the impacts and severity of this event; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 in all counties in the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the King County Executive proclaimed an emergency in King County in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can cause serious illness or death, and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection of the lives, public peace, safety and welfare of the residents of Covington during this outbreak of COVID-19 is of utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, measures must be taken to protect public health, safety, and welfare of city residents, businesses, visitors, personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the duration of this event is unknown, and its severity may exceed the capability of local resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Covington may require supplemental assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the current conditions warrant the proclamation of the existence of an emergency as defined in CMC 2.50.020(4); and

**NOW THEREFORE, I, REGAN BOLLI, AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, PROCLAIM AND DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- A. An emergency exists in the City of Covington due to the COVID-19 outbreak, which necessitates the utilization of the emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

- B. The City of Covington, by and through the city manager and his/her designees, is authorized to exercise all powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 and Chapter 2.50 CMC to prepare for and respond to the emergency.
- C. This emergency proclamation shall expire unless confirmed and adopted by the Covington City Council at the next regularly scheduled city council meeting. If confirmed, this proclamation shall remain in effect until it is terminated by the city manager or council action.



Regan Bolli, City Manager

3-12-2020

Date