

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WASHINGTON

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 38.52 authorizes the Mayor to exercise emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code (SWMC) Section 2.40.030(2) empowers the Mayor to proclaim a state of emergency when an incident, whether natural or man-made, requires immediate responsive action to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

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

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, in a proactive step to facilitate coordination with state and local partners, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners declared a public health emergency on COVID-19. This will allow Skagit County to take the immediate steps necessary to prepare and respond appropriately to this State outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee issued an additional Emergency Proclamation ordering that all events that take place in King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties with more than 250 people are prohibited by the state. The order applies to gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational activities. These include but are not limited to: community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers and similar activities; and

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

WHEREAS, the City may require additional assistance in the future, and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the City in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency, as defined by SWMC Section 2.40.020 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Section 38.52.010; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 39.04.280(3), authorize the waiver of the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice with reference to any contract

relating to the City's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contracts in emergency situations;

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to chapter 38.52 RCW, SWMC 2.40, and other relevant provisions of state and federal law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY MAYOR JULIA JOHNSON FOR THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY:

SECTION 1

It is hereby declared under section 2.40.030 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code and RCW 38.52.020(1)(b) that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Sedro-Woolley, as a result of the aforementioned conditions, which significantly impacts the life and health of our residents, the economy of the City of Sedro-Woolley, and is a disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

SECTION 2

I hereby direct designated City departments under this proclamation and those designated within the City of Sedro-Woolley's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to take actions deemed necessary to otherwise mitigate and prevent impacts and potential impacts upon private property and publicly owned infrastructure, including any necessary actions needed to obtain emergency permitting through municipal, county, state or federal agencies.

SECTION 3

In order to prepare for, prevent and respond to this emergency, pursuant to section 2.40 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code, RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 39.04.280(3), the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice are hereby waived with reference to any contract relating to the city's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contracts. Each designated department is hereby authorized to exercise the powers vested in this proclamation in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

SECTION 4

A copy of this declaration, the extent practicable, shall be posted at the City's regular locations for official notices and shall be made available to members of the local news media and the general public.

DATED this 16th day of March 2020

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY



Mayor