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CITY OF CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON
NOTICE OF RESOLUTION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE... the Mayor of the City of Centralia, Washington, per CMC 2.28 has issued an Emergency Resolution regarding the local impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). A copy of said resolution is on file with the City Clerk's Office and is attached hereto this notice. The news media is encouraged to share this resolution with the public in order to inform of this State of Emergency.

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City Council
Local Media

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA WASHINGTON, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY EXPENDITURES TO MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

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

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health has confirmed an increasing localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Washington State's general public creating public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, the outbreak of COVID-19 and the potential for rapid transmission throughout Washington State, including the City of Centralia, presents a significant threats to the life and health of Centralia residents, as well as the economy of the City; and

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

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to the continued and growing threat presented by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the Lewis County Commissioners signed a "Local Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to the Detection of the COVID-19 virus in Lewis County"; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is a substantial likelihood of risk to the citizens of the City of Centralia unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Centralia hereby declares a local emergency in accordance with RCW 35A.33.080 and CMC Chapter 2.28 authorizing necessary expenditures to meet emergency needs without further notice of hearing and authorizing local resources to be used to the fullest extent possible.

Signed by the Mayor of the City of Centralia this 17th day of March, 2020 and ratified by the Centralia City Council this day of March, 2020.


Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney