

## **City of Toledo**

### **Proclamation of Emergency 2020-01**

- WHEREAS,** the State of Washington, along with much of the world, is experiencing an outbreak of the novel Coronavirus known as COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and is easily spread from person to person; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services declared a public emergency for the 2019 novel Coronavirus beginning on January 27, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency for all counties in Washington State due to the spread of COVID-19 and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 16, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County declared a state of Emergency, implementing the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Steve Dobosh, Mayor of the City of Toledo, do hereby declare a state of emergency under authority of Chapter 38.52, Revised Code of Washington, as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in Lewis County, and as a result, hereby Proclaim the following:

1. The emergency shall endure until terminated, extended, or amended by further Proclamation.
2. Public access to all City facilities is suspended effective Monday, March 16, 2020 at 12:00 pm until further notice. Persons or organizations that have already paid the deposit to rent any City facility may choose to re-schedule or have their deposit returned.
3. The City shall suspend all actions to collect on overdue utility accounts or other arrearages and will cease charging penalties on any such account. The City shall not suspend any utility service for any reason that does not threaten the health or safety of the citizens of the City, until further notice.
4. By authority of Chapter 38.52, Revised Code of Washington, I assume the authority to suspend certain 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 works, 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, the appropriation and expenditures of public funds, and/or provisions relating to personnel policies or collective bargaining.
5. I delegate to the Chief of Police the authority under my supervision to take actions identified for and on behalf of the City to direct any necessary population and property

protection, as well as control of incidents and maintenance of public peace and order. Other departments and personnel will assist as requested.

6. I delegate to the Department Heads the authority to permit the use and closure of the City facilities and equipment under their control for supplying necessary food, clothing, medicines, shelter, or transportation to care facilities for people in need of assistance; to reassign personnel from their ordinary duties to work deemed necessary for the emergency without regard to job classification, and require work beyond normal working hours; to purchase supplies and materials necessary to address the emergency; and to secure the assistance of volunteers and donations of supplies or the use of equipment in performing tasks that the department head deems most helpful in relieving the emergency.

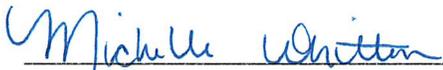
7. It is the policy of the City of Toledo that no guarantee is implied by actions authorized above, and that there is no perfect emergency management system. In any given set of circumstances, the City of Toledo and its assets and systems may be overwhelmed, and the City can only endeavor to make every reasonable effort to respond based on the situation and information and resources available at this time.

**SIGNED, SEALED, AND DATED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



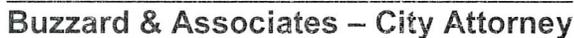
Steve Dobosh – Mayor

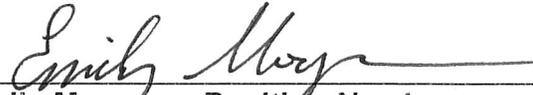
Attest:



Michelle Whitten – City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
Buzzard & Associates – City Attorney



Emily Morgan – Position No. 1



Ron Neumann – Position No. 2



Carol Hill – Position No. 3



Glenda Forga – Position No. 4



Guy Spratt – Position No. 5