

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-107**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC**

**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 January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring 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 directed that plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Governor 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-bases, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers and similar activities; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Inslee announced that all public and private schools in Washington State must close for six weeks, from March 17, 2020 until at least April 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Inslee extended the March 11, 2020 Emergency Proclamation, referenced above, to include all Washington counties; 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

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, Mayor Shawn O'Neill issued a Proclamation of Emergency, declaring the COVID-19 pandemic to be an emergency with the City of Napavine pursuant to Section 38.52 RCW and other relevant provisions of the state and federal law; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPAVINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section I – RATIFICATION AND FINDING OF FACT**

That the Napavine City Council hereby ratifies the Proclamation of Emergency issued by Mayor Shawn O'Neill for the City of Napavine on March 18, 2020. Council further finds that an

emergency exists pursuant to Section 39.04.280(2)(b) RCW and authorizes the Mayor to waive any necessary competitive bidding requirements related to the COVID-19 emergency.

## **Section II – CITY’S RESPONSE**

- A. The city is committed to protecting the public and staff by minimizing the spread of COVID-19. The City has and will continue to follow the guidelines provided by the State of Washington and the Lewis County Health Officer, who prescribe social distancing and minimizing gatherings of people to best combat the spread of COVID-19.
- B. The City will close City Hall to the general public beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 8:00 pm until further notice, and will provide updates to the City’s website.

## **Section III – COUNCIL PROCEDURES**

During the term of this Resolution, the following amendments to City Council procedures are hereby adopted:

- A. Any rule or procedure that prevent or prohibit any or all City Councilmembers from attending City Council meetings telephonically are hereby temporarily suspended, and all City Councilmembers are encouraged to attend all meetings via telephone.
- B. All in-person Committee meetings of the Council are cancelled. Council and Committee meetings may be held telephonically until further notice regardless of whether the City has the capability of recording meeting on video.
- C. Council directs the public comment portion of the Council meetings and any scheduled public hearings be temporarily suspended to discourage public in-person attendance of City Council meetings. City Council and staff will encourage and accept public comment via email or written comment. Any Public Hearings currently scheduled will be rescheduled by City staff after the State of Emergency is over
- D. Any Council rules that are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby waived and suspended during the State of Emergency.
- E. Public attendance at City Council meetings shall be limited in accordance with limitation on gathers, social distancing, and sanitation measures. The Mayor, City Council, and staff shall have priority to attend City Council Meetings, followed by the public

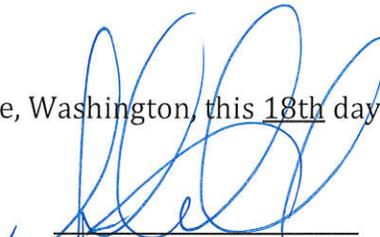
## **Section IV – COMMUNICATION**

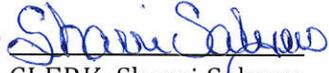
- A. All updates regarding City functions and actions relating to COVID-19 epidemic will be posted on the City’s website to provide the public with the best updated information.
- B. The City will cancel and discourage any unnecessary gatherings of community members and/or staff during the term of this Resolution.

## **Section V – EFFECTIVENESS**

The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and expire on April 28, 2020 unless further extended by formal action of Council

**PASSED** by the Council of the City of Napavine, Washington, this 18th day of March, 2020.

  
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MAYOR, Shawn O'Neill

Attest:   
CLERK, Sharri Salyers

Approved as to Form:

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Jim Buzzard WSBA #8059