

TEMPORARY DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Findings:

1. Chapter 1.70.010 of the Newport Municipal Code reads, "An emergency situation exists when the health, safety, or welfare of the city or a portion of the city is threatened by a potential or actual natural disaster, accident, act of war or terrorism, disease, or other event or ongoing occurrence that results in an immediate and substantial threat to life, health, or property. The city may declare an emergency following the procedures of Chapter 1.70.030 of the Newport Municipal Code when an emergency situation exists."
2. In accordance with Chapter 1.70 of the Newport Municipal Code, the City Manager may declare a temporary emergency when faced with a sudden event that results in an emergency under Chapter 1.70.070 of the Newport Municipal Code. At the time of declaring a temporary emergency, the City Manager shall schedule a meeting of the Council to be held as soon as possible. The temporary emergency declaration shall remain in effect only through the end of the Council meeting.
3. The City Manager or designee must declare the existence of an emergency, which pursuant to Chapter 1.70.020(B) shall authorize the city to take any of the following necessary actions during the emergency:
 - A. Procure goods and services without compliance with normal procurement procedures.
 - B. Use any available city funds for emergency purposes.
 - C. Close or limit the use of streets and other public places.
 - D. Order and assist the evacuation of people to protect safety or health.
 - E. Turn off water, gas, or electricity.
 - F. Control, restrict, and/or regulate the sale of goods and services, including the imposition of price controls.

IT IS RESOLVED:

On Monday, March 8, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order No. 20-05 prohibiting large gatherings due to a coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in Oregon.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a worldwide pandemic.

The City of Newport has taken steps to help stem the spread of COVID-19, in the City of Newport, by closing some of its public buildings, modifying various procedures related to non-essential meetings in city buildings; cancellation of non-essential activities, and the

implementation of modifications for meetings that must occur, including social distancing measures.

The city has closed its 60+ Activity Center, Recreation Center, Aquatic Center, and Library for varying periods of time, and subject to review and extension if necessary.

The City of Newport strives, through this temporary emergency declaration, and other measures taken, to protect its citizens, visitors, and staff.

The Acting City Manager hereby declares a temporary emergency through the end of the City Council meeting, of March 16, 2020, and will take necessary actions to preserve the health and safety of the citizens of Newport.


Margaret M. Hawker, Acting City Manager

March 13, 2020

Date