

City of Kalama, Washington
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Kalama (City) is a non-charter code city organized under Title 35A RCW; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 has authorized the creation of local organizations for emergency management within the City; 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 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 the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Cowlitz County Commissioners declared an Emergency related to the health threat caused by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as high, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kalama believes that the increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the state constitute a civil emergency and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 35A and 38.52.070;

WHEREAS, measures to ensure the protection of the public health, safety and welfare within the City of Kalama must be taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the City of Kalama, that an emergency exists in Kalama and in order to respond to said emergency protect the public health, safety, order, and welfare within the City of Kalama the following actions are authorized:

The Mayor, City Administrator and each City of Kalama department or office is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation of emergency in the light of the evolving exigencies of the COVID-19 situation, without regard to the time consuming procedure and the formalities prescribed by law, (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including, but not limited to budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the appropriations and expenditures of public funds.

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

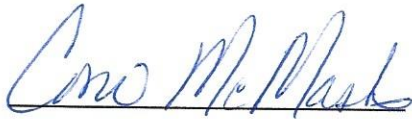
The emergency declared herein shall be in place immediately upon the date of adoption and continue, remaining in place until termination, extended, or amended by further proclamation of the Mayor and/or action of the City Council.

Dated this 16th Day of March, 2020



Mayor Mike Reuter

Attest:



Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

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