

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF KING COVID-19 “CORONAVIRUS”**

**WHEREAS**, in December of 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has since spread outside of China, impacting more than 100 countries, now including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the country, and;

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Public Health has activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center, and the Office of Emergency Services recently activated the State Operations Center to provide support and guide actions to preserve public health; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2020, Governor Newsom declared the existence of a state of emergency for the State of California; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Director-General for the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 can be characterized as a “pandemic”; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases within the City, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals who may require medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, strict compliance with certain Municipal Code and other City regulations would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19, which issue cannot be timely addressed absent a declaration of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the King City Municipal Code appoints the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services and empowers the Director to issue an emergency proclamation if the City Council is not in session; and,

**WHEREAS**, per Government Code Section 8630 a local emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, after consideration of all items the Director of Emergency Services now desires to proclaim the existence of a state of emergency to make additional resources available to address the effects of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Director of Emergency Services for the City of King does find and proclaim as follows:

1. The Director of Emergency Services finds that the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of King, caused by the effects of COVID-19.

2. The Director of Emergency Services further finds that the City Council is not currently in session.

3. The aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency by the City's Emergency Service Director. Pursuant to the authority granted by City ordinance, I hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the City.

4. Consistent with Government Code Section 8630(b) the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the City Council.

5. This proclamation and its contents will be published and promulgated in as widespread a manner as is reasonably feasible under the conditions prevailing during this local emergency.

6. This proclamation of a local emergency shall take effect immediately as of the date first set forth below.

**IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and by the City of King Emergency Plan.

3/16/20 2:00pm  
Date and Time

  
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Director of Emergency Services,  
STEVEN ADAMS

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
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ROY C. SANTOS, City Attorney