

## **PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY TOWN OF EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON**

**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 6, 2020, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Pierce County thus enabling Pierce County government to take extraordinary measures; and

**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 Washington State Department of Health and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department have confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Pierce County, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the general public, and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and


**WHEREAS**, in my judgment as Mayor of the Town of Eatonville, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Eatonville's residents and may go beyond the capability of local resources; now, therefore,

### **IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **Emergency Declaration.** A state of emergency, specifically covered under Chapter 38.52 RCW, exists within the Town of Eatonville, Pierce County, Washington, as a result of the person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in Pierce County and throughout the Puget Sound region.
2. **Emergency Powers.** All emergency powers and authority set forth in RCW 38.52.070 are hereby invoked, including without limitation the right to enter into contract, employ temporary workers, and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements).
3. **State and Federal Assistance.** The Town Administrator is authorized to request all available state and federal assistance necessary to respond to this emergency.

4. **Town Council Updates.** The Town Administrator or her designee is directed to provide the Town Council with regular reports regarding action taken pursuant to this Proclamation of emergency, including but not limited to updates at each special or regular meeting of the Town Council, through the duration of this emergency. Any contract entered into under the authority of this Proclamation will be presented to the Town Council at the earliest practical time for review and appropriate legislative action.
5. **Duration of Emergency.** This Proclamation of emergency shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded, which rescission shall occur at such time as Governor Jay Inslee determines a state of emergency no longer exists in the State of Washington.
6. **Notice.** A copy of this Proclamation shall be posted at the Town's regular locations for official notices, including the Town's website, and upon request shall be made available to members of the general public and appropriate federal, state, regional, and local agencies.
7. **Limitations.** This Proclamation is not intended as a "proclamation of civil emergency" under EMC 2.60.020.

SIGNED this 24 day of March, 2020.

  
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Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Miranda Doll, Town Clerk