

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-L**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE,  
WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CARES ACT FUNDS  
TO IMPLEMENT A SHOP LOCAL AND SAVE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has determined that a pandemic exists due to the global spread of a highly contagious virus commonly known as COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020 the Governor of the State of Washington, in Proclamation 20-23.1, strongly encouraged all utilities to take reasonable actions to mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on their utility customers, including but not limited to: acting to prevent disconnection of services due to non-payment during the state-wide emergency; waiving late payments and fees; and using payment plans to fulfill outstanding customer balances; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Schaub proclaimed an emergency within the Town of Eatonville on March 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020 the Attorney General of Washington provided guidance on “Analyzing Issues Related to Gifts of Public Funds During the COVID-19 Pandemic” and found that “protecting public health is without question a fundamental purpose of government.” He also found that the “promotion of the public welfare” provides a “strong basis for local governments to make expenditures for the primary purpose of protecting and promoting public health which may have an incidental benefit on private citizens and entities.”; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2020, the Attorney General of Washington provided further guidance regarding whether “a local government may provide cash assistance” to individuals who “are struggling financially due to COVID-19” or to “small businesses struggling with the State ordered closure of their businesses.” He found that, with adequate safeguards in place, and “a clear nexus between such programs and either protecting the local economy or promoting compliance with public health guidelines,” temporary financial assistance during a public health crisis to advance public welfare, prevent regional economic collapse and promote compliance with public health guidelines would likely not be found by a court to be an unconstitutional gift of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses play a vital role in the overall health and welfare of the Town of Eatonville and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eatonville Town Council recognizes that one of its essential functions is to promote public health by mitigating the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Town of Eatonville utility customers and local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shop Local and Save Program is necessary to further the Town's purposes of protecting public health, safety and welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic, preventing local economic collapse due to the loss of jobs and businesses within the Town by offering utility billing reductions as incentives for Eatonville residents to frequent local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the United State Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020 to provide economic relief package to cities, American workers, families and small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Eatonville has received CARES Relief Funds in the amount of \$89,100; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eatonville Town Council authorizes the Mayor or designee to approve expenditures related to COVID-19 relief from the CARES relief funds, including the creation of a Shop Local and Save Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council authorizes \$10,000 of CARES relief funds to be designated to a Shop Local and Save Program as described in Attachment A; now, therefore;

**THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT:** The Shop Local and Save Program is approved and the Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or Designee to distribute utility credits to Town of Eatonville utility customers as described in Attachment A, Shop Local and Save Program Policy.

**PASSED** by the Council of The Town of Eatonville at a regular meeting this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July.

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Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Miranda Doll, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF EATONVILLE  
SHOP LOCAL AND SAVE PROGRAM POLICY**

**Background:**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020. This economic relief package provides direct economic assistance for American workers, families and small businesses. Through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the CARES Act provided payments to State, Local and Tribal governments impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

On May 20, 2020, the Washington State Department of Commerce notified the Town of Eatonville that they will release a portion of the CARES funds to local governments. The Town of Eatonville's portion of these funds is \$89,100. The Town of Eatonville will utilize these funds to cover unanticipated and unbudgeted COVID related costs for public health and safety, as well as to help individuals, families and businesses overcome economic hardships.

**Funding:**

The Town Council is allocating \$10,000 from the Town's portion of CARES Act funding to implement a Shop Local and Save Program. This program will start July 14<sup>th</sup> and continue through October 15, 2020.

During the Town of Eatonville Shop Local and Save Program the Town of Eatonville is offering utility credits on utility bills for local receipts. Customers who provide Town of Eatonville with receipts from local businesses dated within the program effective dates will receive a direct credit to their utility account.

**To Qualify:**

- Spend \$50 at a local business (you may combine receipts). The date and the business name must be printed legibly on the receipt.
- Write your name as it appears on your utility statement, phone number and utility account number on the receipt(s).
- Scan and email the receipt to [utilityclerk@eatonville-wa.gov](mailto:utilityclerk@eatonville-wa.gov) or drop the receipt(s) off in an envelope in the utility payment drop box, 201 Center St W, Eatonville WA.
- The Town of Eatonville will credit \$15 towards your utility bill as a direct credit.

You may earn up to 4 credits per account with a maximum credit of \$60 per account. Submit receipts for purchases made between June 15, 2020 and October 15, 2020. Receipts must be submitted by October 15, 2020 to be eligible for credit.