



DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

Lake Oswego Code Article 12.20 Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 401

The City Manager of the City of Lake Oswego finds that:

- A. On Friday, February 28, 2020, Oregon announced its first presumptive case of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- B. COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.
- C. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause respiratory disease, with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life. Current indications suggest that individuals who are elderly or have underlying health conditions are most at risk from COVID-19.
- D. COVID-19 requires a significant amount of resources at the local level to keep the public and community informed and as safe as possible.
- E. On March 2, 2020, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners declared a countywide emergency through Resolution 20-09 and extended the duration of the emergency on March 12, 2020.
- F. On March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order No. 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1). Governor Brown also issued guidance regarding group gatherings and social distancing to minimize potential opportunities for the COVID-19 to spread (Executive Order No. 20-05 and Executive Order No.20-07).
- G. As of March 20, 2020, there were 114 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Oregon, including 10 in Clackamas County.
- H. The COVID-19 pandemic will create significant financial and other impacts to the community of unknown duration.
- I. The City has been working closely with Clackamas County Health Department and has been closely monitoring updated information for the state through the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for U.S. updates.
- J. The primary focus at the City is to restrict the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain the health of our workforce and the community so the City can continue to provide crucial City services.
- K. The entire city is in a state of emergency. All local resources have, or will likely be, expended, and there is need of assistance regarding consistent messages to the public and disease investigation.

- L. Under ORS 401.309(1) the governing body of a city may declare that a state of emergency exists within the city.
- M. Under Lake Oswego Code (LOC) section 12.20.805 a state of emergency exists whenever the city or any area therein is suffering or is in imminent danger of suffering an event that may cause injury or death to persons, or damage to or the destruction of property to the extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health safety and welfare. The spread of the COVID-9 pandemic as described in these findings meets this criteria.
- N. The spread of the COVID-9 virus pandemic as described in these findings also meets the definition of an “emergency” under ORS 401.025(1).
- O. Under LOC 12.20.820, a declaration of a state of emergency by the City Manager shall exist for a period not to exceed 36 hours, and may be extended by the ratification by the City Council for a period not to exceed two weeks, and which may be extended by an additional two weeks upon further action by the City Council.

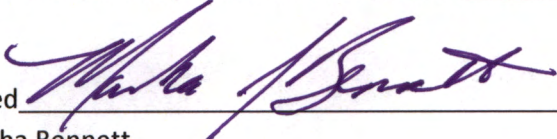
Based upon the above findings, I HEREBY DECLARE that a State of Emergency now exists in the City of Lake Oswego. The area subject to this declaration and emergency controls is the entire city. This Declaration of a State of Emergency is effective immediately and will be presented to the Lake Oswego City Council for ratification at a special meeting to be held on March 23, 2020.

The following is ordered by this declaration:

1. The City may restrict access to some City facilities, while seeking to preserve the continuation of essential public services. Public information about closures, cancellations and restrictions will be posted on the City website.
2. The City is cancelling board, commission and committee meetings, public meetings for projects and open houses through April 28, at which time the City will review the information from the CDC and Oregon Health Authority.
3. City Council meetings will be held electronically, and the City will provide electronic access for members of the public and news media to Council meetings
4. The City will not send shut-off notices or shut off water for non-payment of unpaid water bills while this emergency is in place, and may suspend enforcement of other utility billing department rules, regulations and code provisions, in the City's discretion.
5. To respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City may procure needed goods and services in accordance with ORS 279B.080 and without compliance with normal procurement procedures, redirect any necessary City funds for emergency purposes, and take any other actions set forth or authorized in LOC 12.30.830.
6. The City may relax or adjust enforcement of City codes, including but not limited to parking restrictions

7. To protect the health and safety of City employees, the City will implement emergency policies and guidance on the use of sick leave, vacation leave, remote work, meeting protocol, social distancing, identification of essential and non-essential staff for ongoing presence at City facilities, and other policies that will be in effect for the duration of the emergency.
8. The City will plan for possible "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" orders that may be issued by the State of Oregon or the U.S. Government.
9. The City will take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate the response and recovery of this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance from the United States Government, the State of Oregon and Clackamas County.
10. This declaration of emergency shall terminate 36 hours after its issuance, or upon the issuance of a declaration determining that an emergency no longer exists. The Lake Oswego City Council may extend the declaration of emergency for additional periods of time as necessary and authorized under LOC Article 12.20

Dated this 22nd day of March 2020; Time: 11:02 am

Signed  _____

Martha Bennett

Lake Oswego City Manager