

RESOLUTION NO. 2564

A RESOLUTION OF THE WARRENTON CITY COMMISSION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK.

WHEREAS, Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause respiratory disease, with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life, and the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has been found to carry particular risks for certain groups of people; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Governor Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon, finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency due to the proliferation of COVID-19 outbreaks throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that responding appropriately to COVID-19 requires a significant amount of resources at the local level to keep the public and community informed and as safe as possible from COVID-19 infection; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton City Charter vests in the City all powers which the constitutions, statutes, and common law of the United States and of Oregon expressly or impliedly grant or allow municipalities, as fully as though this charter specifically enumerated each of those powers; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309(2) authorizes the City to establish procedures to prepare for and carry out any activity to prevent, minimize, respond to or recover from an emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 401.309(2) the City has adopted the City of Warrenton Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309(1) authorizes the City Commission to declare that a State of Emergency exists within the City, so long as the declaration limits the state of emergency to the period of time during which the conditions giving rise to the declaration exist or are likely to remain in existence; and

WHEREAS, EOP Section 1.4.2 establishes a process for declaring an emergency in the City of Warrenton; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the conditions outlined above have resulted in the need for the City Commission to exercise its authority to declare a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the unknown duration of the COVID-19 outbreak may have significant impacts on the Warrenton community, including potential impacts on the health and financial stability of residents, and the economic stability of businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: A local state of emergency is declared to exist throughout the City of Warrenton.

Section 2: All necessary City funds shall be redirected for emergency use, and standard City procurement procedures are hereby suspended for any contracts or purchases necessary to combat the COVID-19 outbreak, consistent with all applicable laws.

Section 3: Emergency procurement of goods, services, and public improvements is hereby authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.320, ORS 279C.380(4), and all other applicable statutes, ordinances, and rules.

Section 4: Based on the unknown duration of the COVID-19 outbreak, and similar to actions taken by other local jurisdictions throughout Oregon, this Emergency Declaration shall be in force immediately and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2020.

Section 5: All non-essential city commissions, committees, task forces, and city events are canceled until April 30, 2020.

Section 6: The City Manager is authorized to close any and all City buildings and facilities to the public, as appropriate, to minimize and slow the spread of COVID-19, and exercise all other powers vested in the City Manager under ORS Chapter 401 and the EOP. The City Manager may also request assistance, funds, and reimbursement from the State of Oregon and federal agencies; adopt temporary rules and policies regarding City facilities, funds, resources, and staff; and enter into contracts for services or aid agreements with other governmental or private entities.


Section 7. This Resolution is and shall be effective from and after its enactment by the City Commission.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton this 21st day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:


Henry Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder