

## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0019

A Resolution ratifying and amending the Mayor's declaration of a civil emergency or disaster.

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued a proclamation declaring a State of Emergency in all counties of the state of Washington in response to new cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Mayor Nadine Woodward issued an Executive Declaration of Civil Emergency or Disaster in the City of Spokane (the "Declaration"), pursuant to SMC 2.04.030, due to the public emergency faced by the City from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently over 640 cases of COVID-19 in the state of Washington, and researchers believe that there are actually more than 2,000 cases statewide, which, if action is not taken, could rise to 25,000 in the coming weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SMC 02.04.060, a declaration of civil emergency issued by the Mayor pursuant to the authority in Chapter 2.04 SMC shall be filed with the City Clerk and presented to the City Council for ratification, confirmation, modification or rejection; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SMC 07.06.180, the City Council, by resolution, may waive public bid requirements for purchases, public works and services in the event of an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 38.52.070(2), in the instance where a disaster is declared, the City of Spokane has the right to exercise certain powers and duties as provided for in said chapter without the necessity of complying with time consuming procedures and formalities excepting mandatory constitutional requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council reserves, within its authorities as established by the City Charter, to take additional necessary steps to help address and respond to civil emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Spokane that:

**Section 1.** There is a present civil emergency, which necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant Chapter 02.04 SMC, SMC 07.06.180 and RCW 38.52.070(2), which are lawful, proper, and reasonable exercises of the City of Spokane's police power, consistent with state law and the City Charter.

**Section 2.** The Executive Declaration of a Civil Emergency by Mayor Nadine Woodward, dated and effective March 16, 2020, is hereby ratified by the City Council as amended by this Resolution.

**Section 3.** Notwithstanding the declaration of a civil emergency, the City Council reserves the full authority under the City Charter to take any and all necessary steps to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare of all residents of Spokane, including, without limitation, restrictions of residential evictions, restrictions on utility shut-offs, other necessary measures to mitigate the effects of economic disruption in connection with the

COVID-19 pandemic, and prioritization of the use of funds or resources received from the state and/or federal governments.

**Section 4.** This Civil Emergency shall continue until terminated by the Mayor or by City Council resolution.

**Section 5.** A copy of this resolution and the Civil Emergency Declaration shall be delivered to the Governor of the State of Washington and to the Spokane County Board of Commissioners. To the extent practicable, a copy of this Civil Emergency Order shall be made available to all news media within the City and to the general public. In order to give the widest dissemination of this Civil Emergency Order to the public, as many other available means may be used as are practical.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council March 16, 2020.

  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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Assistant City Attorney

