



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Bill No. 20-041

SUBJECT:	Confirmation of Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-19)
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DATE:	DEPT:	CONTACT:	PRESENTER:	ITEM:
03/10/2020	Public Works	Brad Feilberg	Brad Feilberg	Consent Agenda #6

Discussion: 03/10/2020
Attachments: 1. Mayor's Proclamation

REQUESTED ACTION: Move to confirm the Mayor's proclamation dated March 2, 2020, declaring the existence of an emergency relating to COVID-19.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Monroe Municipal Code Section 2.60.080 Mayor – Duties and power provides for the Mayor to issue a proclamation of emergency “subject to confirmation by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.”

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

In light of the situation described below, Mayor Thomas issued a proclamation of emergency on March 2, 2020, to ensure that our community is properly responding to the growing coronavirus emergency and better prepared to address the issues we will face tomorrow. The Proclamation of Emergency will provide quicker and better access to resources to respond more nimbly to changing needs and will allow the City to align its operations to reduce people's potential exposure to the coronavirus.

Monroe Municipal Code section 2.60.080(A) requires the City Council to confirm the Mayor's proclamation of emergency.

On January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and local health departments and the Washington State Department of Health have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test others in Washington State potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person.

The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high,” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States.

On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020.

The CDC currently indicates there are 94,875 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with 138 of those cases in the United States, and the Washington State Department of Health has now confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, significantly

increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the general public and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly.

The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of our people, and is a public health disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

Governor Inslee proclaimed a statewide State of Emergency on February 29, 2020.

Due to these considerations, the Mayor issued a proclamation of emergency on March 2, 2020, to ensure that our community is properly responding to the growing coronavirus emergency and better prepared to address the issues we will face tomorrow. The Proclamation of Emergency will provide quicker and better access to resources to respond more nimbly to changing needs and will allow the City to align its operations to reduce people's potential exposure to the coronavirus.

Monroe Municipal Code section 2.60.080(A) requires the City Council to confirm the Mayor's proclamation of emergency.

FISCAL IMPACTS

None at this time.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

Monroe Municipal Code section 2.60.080(A) requires the City Council to confirm the Mayor's proclamation of emergency at the earliest practicable time.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A



Proclamation of Emergency

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020, Washington's State Department of Health (WDOH) confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and local health departments and the WDOH have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test people in Washington who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in people and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high" and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The CDC currently indicates there are 89,254 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with 86 of those cases in the US and WDOH has confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington, 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, The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the US and Washington presents a significant impact to people's lives and health and is a public health disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee proclaimed a statewide State of Emergency on February 29, 2020, and

WHEREAS, after consultation with Fire District 7, Hospital District 1, Monroe School District, and city staff including the City of Monroe's Emergency Management Director, I have determined that is necessary to issue a Proclamation of Emergency to facilitate access to resources and to modify policies and procedures intended to reduce potential exposure to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe pursuant to Chapter 2.60 of the Monroe Municipal Code, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Monroe, and direct the plans and procedures of the City of Monroe Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented.

DATED this 2nd day of March 2020

Geoffrey Thomas
Mayor