



City of Mercer Island, Washington PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island (City) is a non-charter code city organized under Title 35A RCW; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 has authorized the creation of local organizations for emergency management within the City; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County thus enabling King County government to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 95C-007, the City established an Emergency Management Organization and designated the Police Chief (or Emergency Manager as designee) to administer the Emergency Management Organization; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Emergency Manager have reported to the Mayor of the City of Mercer Island that a state of emergency exists within the City of Mercer Island based upon the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Washington State, especially in King County; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as high, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health has confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in King County, 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, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Mercer Island's residents and may go beyond the capability of local resources.

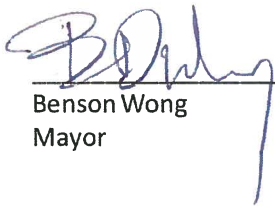
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

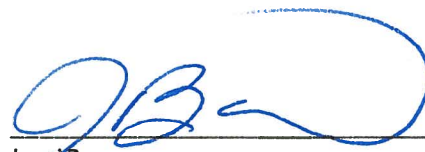
1. **Emergency Declaration.** A state of emergency, specifically covered under Chapter 38.52 RCW, exists within the City of Mercer Island, Washington, as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in King County. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person

transmission throughout Washington State and King County significantly impacts the life and health of those living and working at Mercer Island, as well as continuity of operations and government at the City, and is a public emergency that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

2. **Emergency Powers.** All emergency powers and authority set forth in RCW 38.52.070 are hereby invoked, including without limitation to the right to enter into contract, employ temporary workers and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements).
3. **State and Federal Assistance.** The City Manager is authorized to request all available state and federal assistance necessary to respond to this emergency.
4. **Limitations.** This proclamation is not intended as a "proclamation of civil emergency" under MICC 9.40.010 or as a finding of "public danger" under RCW 35A.13.030.

SIGNED, this 5 day of March 2020


Benson Wong
Mayor


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City Manager