

**COVINGTON WATER DISTRICT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 4409**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COVINGTON WATER DISTRICT, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services, Alex Azar, declared a public health emergency to aid state health departments' efforts to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring that 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;

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, thereby enabling the government of King County to take extraordinary measures in response to the presence of COVID-19 in King County;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump, proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, in response to the above referenced proclamations of emergencies, the District General Manager has the authority to activate the Incident Command System under the District's Emergency Response Plan and began to develop and implement mitigation measures to relating to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the District provides critical water services to customers located within the cities of Covington, Maple Valley, Black Diamond and areas of unincorporated King County, which services are essential for public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Commissioners desires to formally declare an emergency so appropriate measures may be taken as determined appropriate by the District to protect the health, safety and welfare of the District's customers, employees and the general public residing within areas served by the District; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Covington Water District, King County, Washington, as follows:

1. Declaration of Emergency. The District hereby declares that a local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 virus. The District General Manager and staff may take such actions as are deemed appropriate pursuant to the District's Emergency Response Plan, including but not limited to the District General Manager activating the Incident Command System under the District's Emergency Response Plan and begin to developing and implementing mitigation measures relating to COVID-19. In addition, pursuant to RCW 39.04.280, the District General Manager is authorized to waive competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of essential materials, supplies, and public work required to operate the water system.

2. Additional Powers and Authority. In light of the evolving nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, and pursuant to the authority granted by RCW 38.52.070 and RCW 57.08.005(22), the District is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this Declaration of Emergency without regard to time consuming procedures and the formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including but not limited to requirements for competitive bidding and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

3. Temporary Customer Assistance. The Board of Commissioners recognizes the potential financial impacts of COVID-19 on our customers and the need for access to safe, potable water to maintain public health. The District hereby temporarily suspends locking of meters, filing of liens on all accounts, as well as suspending the following fees until May 31, 2020:


- Water Service Disconnection Fees
- Late Penalty and Non-Payment Fees
- District's \$35 NSF Fee
- Meter Lock/Unlock Fees

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Covington Water District, King County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on the 24th day of March, 2020.

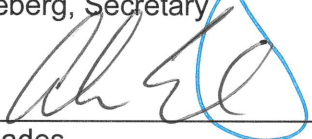
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