
City of White Salmon, Washington
Emergency Proclamation 2020-01

WHEREAS, the State of Washington, along with much of the world, is experiencing an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID -19, and;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily spread from person to person, and;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus beginning on January 27, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2020 Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency (Proclamation 20-05) for all counties in Washington State due to the spread of COVID-19 and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented, and;

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020 Klickitat County Emergency Operations Center was activated to Level-2 (partial activation) and is working to ensure that local stakeholders have access to all relevant information related to COVID-19 for preparation purposes, and;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency related to COVID-19, and;

WHEREAS, proactive measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare of City of White Salmon residents, visitors, and staff, and;

WHEREAS, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and;

WHEREAS, the City may require supplemental assistance, and;

WHEREAS, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources and the duration of the event is unknown, and;

WHEREAS, the existing conditions related to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marla Keethler, Mayor of the City of White Salmon, do hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak and that emergency operations are in effect, and this necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

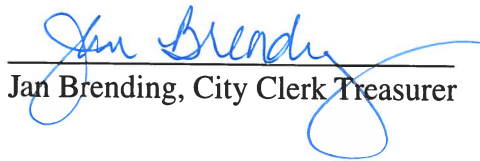
The City of White Salmon is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation considering the exigencies of this emergency without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except Constitutional requirements).

This emergency proclamation shall expire unless confirmed and adopted by the White Salmon City Council at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

Dated March 13, 2020.



Marla Keethler, Mayor



Jan Brending, City Clerk Treasurer