



Fire Prevention • Fire Suppression • Emergency Medical Services

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RESOLUTION #2020-04

Declared State of Emergency

WHEREAS, Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 6 is a municipal corporation established under the laws of the state of Washington, RCW Title 52; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Washington on February 29th did declare a State of Emergency in all counties in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, 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); 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 humans 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 March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump determined the severity and magnitude of COVID-19 warranted an Emergency Declaration under Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 ("the Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, 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 Washington State's 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 United States and Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

Proudly Serving the Communities of:

East Olympia
Station 61

Offutt Lake
Station 62

South Union
Station 63

Old Highway 99
Station 64

Sunwood Lakes
Station 65

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 6, as follows:

Section 1. Declaration. The Board of Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No.6 finds that the State of Emergency exists, declares a State of Emergency and may exercise all rights and exemptions under law, including under Chapter 38.52. RCW declares a State of Emergency and declares an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under law, including RCW 39.04.280.

Section 2. Open Public Meeting Act. Meetings of the Board of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 6, relating to the COVID-19 emergency are not required to meet the notice requirements and meeting location restrictions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Section 3. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

MOVED AND PASSED at a special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for Fire Protection District No. 6, Thurston County, Washington, on March 19, 2020 of which all Commissioners were notified and the following majority were present and voting:

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 6
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Board Secretary

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Richard C. Wells
Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

Stanley A. Moon

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Board Secretary