

**LOCAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
CITY MANAGER OF CITY OF SHORELINE**

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020 the first reported case of COVID-19 in Washington State occurred in Snohomish County and on February 28, 2020 the Public Health Seattle and King County announced the first King County and United States death due to COVID-19 in Kirkland, Washington, and

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

WHEREAS, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19, both globally and in the United States, as “very high” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States, the State of Washington, King County, and the City of Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 and; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 4, 2020, 31 have tested positive for COVID-19 in King County and eight in Snohomish County and a total of ten (10) deaths have been reported in King County; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the present circumstances, and in consideration of available information from governmental sources, the City Manager has determined that COVID-19 has caused a local public health emergency for the City of Shoreline, due to nearby deaths and serious infections, and that it may have increased impact on the life and health of Shoreline residents, the local business economy, and City services; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency for the City of Shoreline as defined by SMC 2.50.020(B), which includes circumstances that demand immediate action to preserve public health and protect life and has warranted the governor declaring a state of emergency, thereby necessitating activation of the City of Shoreline Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(2), RCW 38.52.110(1), and Chapter 2.50 SMC; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Shoreline has reported her intent to make this declaration to the Shoreline City Council

NOW THEREFORE, the Shoreline City Manager declares as follows:

Section 1: It is hereby declared under Chapter 38.52 RCW and Chapter 2.50 SMC, that COVID-19 is a local public health emergency that exists within the confines of the City of Shoreline, that will result in, or threatens to result in, the death or injury of persons and, as such, requires extraordinary measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

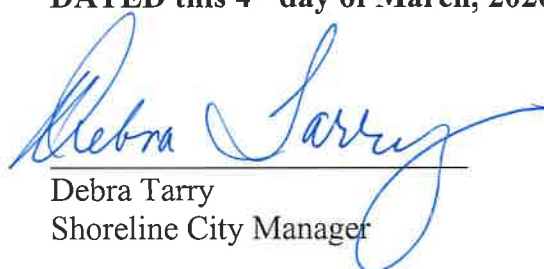
Section 2. Pursuant to the local public health emergency declared at Section 1, the Shoreline City Manager authorizes City departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the CEMP, to take actions and incur obligations deemed necessary to mitigate and prevent such emergency to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Shoreline and to provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency consistent with the CEMP.

Section 3. In order to prepare for, prevent, and respond to this emergency, the City Manager authorizes the City to take necessary measures as authorized pursuant to SMC 2.50.060(H), RCW 38.52.070(2), and 39.04.280,; including waiving the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice with reference to any contract relating to the City’s lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultants. Each City department designated is hereby authorized to exercise the powers vested in this proclamation in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally required by law, except constitutional mandates.

Section 4. The emergency declared in Section 1 shall be in place immediately upon the date of adoption and continue and shall remain in place until terminated or extended by further resolution of the City Council.

Section 5. A copy of this declaration, the extent practicable, shall be posted at the City's regular locations for official notices and shall be made available to members of the local news media and the general public and appropriate federal, state, regional and local agencies.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2020.


Debra Tarry
Shoreline City Manager