

**ORDINANCE NO. 916****AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON  
EXTENDING THE INTERIM REGULATIONS FOR THE EXTENSIONS  
OF APPLICATION DEADLINE PERIODS IN RESPONSE TO THE  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 893;  
PROVIDING FOR A DURATION OF SIX MONTHS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline is a non-charter optional municipal code city as provided in Title 35A RCW, incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, and planning pursuant to the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390 authorize the City of Shoreline to adopt interim regulations with a duration of no more than six (6) months without review and recommendation by the Shoreline Planning Commission and without holding a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2020, due to substantial impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in the Washington State Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency, the City Manager's Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency, the Washington State Governor's "Stay Home Stay Healthy" Proclamation 20-25, and subsequent guidance relevant to the construction industry, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 893, establishing interim regulations authorizing the extension of application deadline periods set forth in the Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC); and

WHEREAS, the interim regulations adopted by Ordinance No. 893 will expire on February 4, 2021 unless extended by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, despite public and private efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Washington State, including King County, is experiencing a substantial increase in the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, such efforts include Proclamation 20-25.1, approving criteria for a limited Phase 1 statewide restart of construction activities; Proclamation 20-25.3, updating a four-phased approach to safely reopening the State and further expanding the list of permissible low risk Phase 1 activities; Proclamation 20-25.4 providing for a transition from the "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" restrictions to the "Safe Start-Stay Healthy" County by County Phased Reopening plan; however, due to the increased COVID-19 infection rates across the state, Governor Inslee ordered a freeze on all counties moving forward to a subsequent phase, and these restrictions remain in place; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2020 Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.8 which rolled back the phased reopening in response to a COVID-19 outbreak surge. The latest restrictions place limits on social gatherings, close indoor operations in restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, and fitness centers, and restrict occupancy in retail, grocery, professional services and other facilities until at least December 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, these restrictions continue to impact the construction industry, including supporting consultants, by creating an inability for an applicant to timely respond to the City's comment review letter or to pick up an approved application; and

WHEREAS, while construction, permitting, and inspection services are allowed to continue under the most recent Gubernatorial proclamation, City Hall is closed to the public, and permitting services which have been limited to on-line, phone, mail in and drop off services. Inspection services are limited and restricted in some cases to ensure safe social distancing. Additionally, all permit review staff are working remotely. This has created delays in processing and approving applications; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the previously enacted interim regulations for an additional six month period will provide applicants with additional time to act upon applications currently under review, and/or approved applications awaiting issuance, so as to prevent expiration of those applications during this unprecedented time in the City's history; and

WHEREAS, interim regulations are exempt from SEPA review per WAC 197-11-800(19) Procedural Actions. If the City elects to replace these interim regulations with permanent regulations, if applicable, SEPA review will be conducted at that time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the interim regulations at its properly noticed December 14, 2020 regular meeting, at which it held the statutorily required public hearing, held virtually via Zoom, determined that the extension of the interim regulations is appropriate and necessary; and

WHEREAS, due to the current economic conditions resulting from COVID-19, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Shoreline and its local economy to authorize the Director of Planning and Community Development and the Director of Public Works to temporarily grant extensions of the application deadlines to preclude expiration;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Adoption of Findings of Fact.** The City Council hereby adopts the above Recitals as findings of fact to support the adoption of this Ordinance and incorporates by reference the Recitals set forth in Ordinance No. 893.

**Section 2. Interim Regulations.** These interim regulations relate to Type A, Type B, and Type C applications administered through Title 20 SMC and chapter 12.15 SMC that were valid on March 4, 2020:

- A. SMC 20.30.100(D). In addition to the one extension authorized by this provision, the Director of Planning and Community Development, or designee, is authorized to grant one additional extension of no more than 180 days, for a total possible extension period of 360 calendar days.

- B. SMC 12.15.040(C). The Director of Public Works or designee is authorized to grant an applicant a right-of-way permit extension, in the same number and duration as provided for in Section 1(A) and Section 1(B) of this Ordinance.
- C. An applicant must submit a written request for extension providing justification related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-25, as clarified or amended, or other related federal, state, or local governmental action. The request must be submitted to the City before the expiration of the application for which the extension is being sought.
- D. The applicable Director shall have the authority to grant an extension as provided in this Section for a period of time no more than that provided for in the applicable SMC provision. A Director may grant an extension for less time, may deny an extension in its entirety, or may shorten or revoke a temporary extension for good cause. The decision to approve, deny, shorten, or revoke an extension is a discretionary act and a final decision of the City subject to appeal under chapter 36.70C RCW Land Use Petition Act.
- E. Any temporary extension shall be calculated from the initial expiration date of the application. If a development has multiple applications with differing expiration dates, the later expiration date shall be used for the purpose of calculating these extension provisions.

**Section 3. Public Hearing.** Pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390, the City Council held a public hearing on the extension of the interim regulations on December 14, 2020. Pursuant to the Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28, as amended, and the City Council Resolution No. 459, the public hearing was held online using the Zoom Webinar platform.

**Section 4. Directions to the City Clerk.**

- A. **Transmittal to the Department of Commerce.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of this Ordinance to be transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce as provided in RCW 36.70A.106.
- B. **Corrections by the City Clerk.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener or clerical errors; references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering and references.
- C. **Ordinance not to be Codified.** Because this Ordinance adopts interim regulations, the City Clerk shall not codify this Ordinance.

**Section 5. Severability.** Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation.

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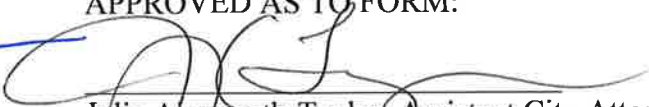
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**Section 6. Publication, Effective Date, and Expiration.** A summary of this Ordinance consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its publication and shall be in effect for a period of six (6) months from its effective date. After which, these interim regulations shall automatically expire unless extended as provided by statute or otherwise superseded by action of the City Council, whichever occurs first.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 11, 2021.**

  
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Mayor Will Hall

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Jessica Simulcik Smith  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
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Julie Ainsworth-Taylor, Assistant City Attorney  
On behalf of Margaret King, City Attorney

Date of Publication: January 14, 2021  
Effective Date: January 19, 2021

Date of Transmittal to Commerce: Feb. 9, 2021