

EMERGENCY ORDER
IN AND FOR THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-03;

No. 2020-06

REGARDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC OF VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS AND MODIFICATION TO VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.

At 14:30 hours on March 13, 2020, the City of Vancouver declared a civil emergency pursuant to Washington State Constitution Article VI, Section 11, Revised Code of Washington Chapter 38.52, and Vancouver Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 *et. seq.*, due to the public health threat posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). (Declaration of Civil Emergency No. 2020-01). The Vancouver City Council ratified and confirmed Declaration of Civil Emergency No. 2020-01 by Resolution (M-4061) on March 16, 2020.

According to the World Health Organization, as of March 11, 2020, COVID-19 constitutes a global pandemic due to the alarming levels of the spread and severity of the disease and also, in the words of World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, due to the “alarming levels of inaction.” The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of the City of Vancouver’s community members, with at least 48 confirmed cases of Covid-19 and 5 confirmed deaths caused by the virus in Clark County as of March 26, 2020.

On March 23, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee signed proclamation 20-25, a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, prohibiting people in Washington State from (1) leaving their home or place of residence except to conduct or participate in essential activities, and/or for employment in essential business services; and (2) participating in public and private gatherings of any number of people for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, except for those people who are part of a single household or residential living unit.

The governor’s Stay Home, Stay Healthy order also prohibits all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting all activities and operations except minimum basic operations, effective midnight on March 25, 2020; all essential businesses are encouraged to maintain operations but must establish and implement social distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States Department of Labor or the Washington State Department of Health Guidelines. The United States Department of Labor and the Washington State

Department of Health guidelines concerning social distancing in the work place include, among other things, limiting visitors and avoiding face-to-face meetings.

The City of Vancouver operates several critical services, including operating police and fire departments and providing utility services. It is imperative that these services remain operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to maintain the continuity of such services, the City must keep employees who work in these vital industries safe and healthy.

In light of the foregoing, and in order to slow the spread of the disease, and protect the lives of residents of the City of Vancouver, I find that the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 emergency present a real, immediate threat of interruption to the proper performance of essential functions, or will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken. Additionally, I find that further social distancing and community mitigation measures in the operation of the City's essential services are necessary. Whenever possible, the City should protect its critical services workers from potential exposure to Covid-19. I find that maintaining a healthy workforce is critical to the City's ability to provide first responders and other essential services.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED THAT:

As a result of the above-referenced situation, pursuant to Washington State Constitution Article VI, Section 11, Revised Code of Washington Chapter 38.52, and Vancouver Municipal Code Chapter 2.12, I hereby Order that a state of emergency continues to exist in the City of Vancouver and that all provisions of Emergency Order No. 2020-03 remain in full force and effect, except Section 5, which is expressly amended below.

FURTHERMORE, based on the above situation and pursuant to Vancouver Municipal Code Chapter 2.12, I hereby issue the following additional Emergency Orders:

Section 1. Vancouver Police Department Building Closures. Section 5 of Emergency Order No. 2020-03 is amended as follows. All Vancouver Police Department buildings are hereby closed to the public throughout the duration of this Emergency Order. Fire station tours and public access remain suspended pursuant to Emergency Order No. 2020-02.

Section 2. Access to Non-Emergency Law Enforcement Services by Appointment Only. Members of the community should call 9-1-1 in an emergency. Throughout the duration of this Emergency Order, members of the public may make reports and schedule non-emergency appointments with the Vancouver Police Department, if such appointments are necessary to comply with a court order or other legal mandate and in compliance with the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order. Such reports and appointments may be made between 8:00 hours (8:00 am) and 17:00 hours (5:00 pm) Monday through Friday by calling (360) 487-7500. After hours, members of the community may call 3-1-1 to report non-emergencies.

Section 3. Duration. Unless modified, extended or terminated by the Vancouver City Council or Vancouver City Manager, this Emergency Order is hereby effective immediately and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2020, at 23:59 hours.

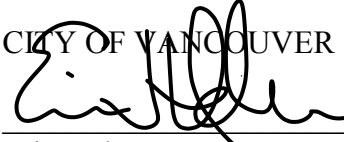
SIGNED, this 26th, day of March, 2020, at 16 : 58 hours.

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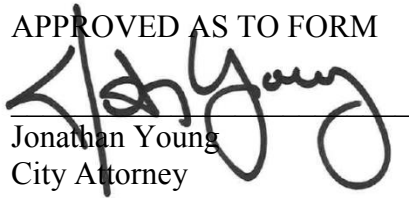
Natasha Ramras
City Clerk

CITY OF VANCOUVER



Eric Holmes
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Jonathan Young
City Attorney