

Town of Bucoda Washington
Proclamation of Emergency 2020-01

WHEREAS, The State of Washington, along with much of the world, is experiencing an outbreak of 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 Secretary of the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services declared a public emergency for the 2019 novel Coronavirus beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency for all counties in Washington State due to the spread of COVID-19 and directed that the Plan and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORTH, I, Alan Carr, Mayor of The Town of Bucoda, do hereby declare a state of emergency under the authority of Chapter 38.52 Revised Code of Washington, as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in Thurston county, and as a result, hereby Proclaim the following:

1. The emergency shall endure until terminated, extended, or amended by further Proclamation.
2. Public access to all Town facilities is suspended effective Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:00PM until further notice. Persons or organizations that have already paid the deposit to rent any Town Facility may choose to re-schedule or have their deposit refunded.
3. The Town shall suspend all actions on overdue utility accounts, or other arrearages and will cease charging penalties on such accounts. The Town shall not suspend any utility service for any reason that does not threaten the health or safety of the citizen of Bucoda, until further notice.
4. By authority of Chapter 38.52 Revised Code of Washington, I assume the authority to suspend certain time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements). Including, but not limited to budget

law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of public works, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, the appropriation and expenditures of public funds, and/or provisions relating to personnel policies.

5. I delegate to the Thurston County Sheriff's Department to take actions identified for and on behalf of the Town to direct any necessary population and property protection, as well as control of incidents and maintenance of public peace and order. Other departments and personnel will assist as required.
6. I delegate to the Clerk/Treasurer to permit the use of Town facilities and to reassign personnel from their ordinary duties to work beyond normal working hours; to purchase supplies and materials necessary to address the emergency; and to secure the assistance of volunteers and donations of supplies or the use of equipment in performing tasks that the Clerk/Treasurer deems most helpful in relieving the emergency.
7. I delegate to the Bucoda Fire Chief to permit the use of equipment under their control for supplying necessary food, clothing, medicines, shelter, or transportation to care facilities for people in need of assistance.
8. It is the policy of the Town of Bucoda that no guarantee is implied by actions authorized above, and that there is no perfect emergency system. In any given set of circumstances, the Town of Bucoda and its assets and systems may be overwhelmed, and the Town can only endeavor to make every reasonable effort to respond based on the situation and information and resources available at this time.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2020

Alan Carr, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Bates, Clerk/Treasurer