



# CITY OF SELAH

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## IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

**WHEREAS**, the first confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) have been detected in Yakima; and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued warnings regarding the impacts and severity of this event; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, one or more COVID-19 events have now occurred in Yakima County, and disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected from the above conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare within the City of Selah; and

**WHEREAS**, City resources related to continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be severely affected and/or exhausted; and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing affects the entire City and;

**WHEREAS**, the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management and the Yakima County Health District have declared a local health emergency and recommend that the Board of County Commissioners and local municipalities declare a state of emergency to manage the impacts of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the City of Selah, pursuant to SMC 1.58.010, hereby declares a state of emergency to respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this declaration is cause for activation of the emergency plans and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW chapter 38.52 and RCW 39.04.280, which allow streamlined processes for purchasing goods and services and allow expanded governmental authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of Selah and such other personnel as it may designate are authorized to seek state and federal assistance and potential reimbursement for local funds spent on COVID-19 response;



DONE this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

Sherry Raymond

Sherry Raymond, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dale Novobielski

Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

