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Selah Residents and Businessowners:

I am the Municipal Attorney for the city of Selah. In that role, I am issuing this letter to clarify the scope and intent of the "Proclamation by the Mayor of Selah, Washington, In Regards to Recent Proclamations by Governor Jay Inslee" that Mayor Sherry Raymond signed on May 8, 2020.

The Mayor's Proclamation does one thing and one thing only. Specifically,

- The Proclamation announces Selah city policy for its own municipal workforce.

By contrast,

- The Proclamation does not allow "non-essential" businesses to reopen.
- The Proclamation does not allow "non-essential" travel to occur.
- The Proclamation does not negate the "social distancing" requirements of the Governor's Proclamations.
- The Proclamation does not negate the "stay at home" requirements of the Governor's Proclamations.
- The Proclamation does not allow, nor call for, residents and businessowners to violate the Governor's Proclamations or to break any provision of law.
- The Proclamation does not insulate or protect residents and businessowners from potential enforcement actions by other governmental agencies, such as Labor & Industries, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office or the State Patrol. State agencies have enforcement powers that are separate and distinct from the municipal operations of Selah. You can still be ticketed or arrested if you violate the Governor's Proclamations.
- The Proclamation does not negate or change the effect of the Governor's Proclamations in any regard.

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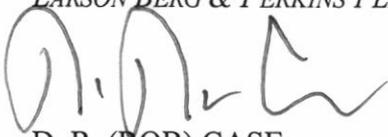
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- The Proclamation does not end the “state of emergency” that is in effect for Selah, that is in effect for Yakima County, and that is in effect statewide.

The Mayor’s Proclamation will not be rescinded. Its language is plain and it is fully legal. However, a degree a confusion still arose, largely due to inaccurate media reports and false contentions advanced by outsiders. Residents and businessowners should rely on this clarification letter and on the actual text of the Mayor’s Proclamation.

Very truly yours,

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