

CITY OF OAKRIDGE, OREGON
RESOLUTION NO. 04-2020

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
DUE TO THE PRESENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309 provides authority for the City of Oakridge to declare by resolution, that a state of emergency exists within the City;

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge has enacted local Ordinance 693 (Municipal Code Chapter 37) that provides emergency management response powers;

WHEREAS, Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause respiratory disease, with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life;

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus causes illness known as COVID-19. According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19 presents a “high” potential public health threat, and therefore the threat constitutes a citywide emergency under ORS 401.025(1) and Oakridge Municipal Code Chapter 37;

WHEREAS, as of March 20, 2020 there are 88 known cases of coronavirus in Oregon, 14,366 cases in the United States, and 263,071 cases in the world; with 11,113 deaths worldwide;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020 the Governor declared a State of Emergency, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic, and on March 13, the President declared a National State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 20-07 prohibiting gatherings of more than 25 people; and Executive Order 20-08 closing public schools;

WHEREAS, Oakridge Municipal Code Chapter 37 and ORS Chapter 401 authorize certain actions to be taken during a state of emergency when necessary for public safety or for the efficient conduct of activities to minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic will create significant health and financial impacts to the community for an unknown duration;

WHEREAS, to ensure the City of Oakridge is fully prepared for COVID-19 and that local authorities have the resources needed to respond to COVID-19, a declaration of emergency is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE:

1. A state of emergency is declared for the entire City of Oakridge, effective on March 24, 2020 at 8:33 pm for the City of Oakridge.

2. Upon this declaration of a state of emergency, the City Administrator is empowered to carry out the appropriate functions and duties identified in Oakridge Municipal Code Chapter 37, and ORS Chapter 401 during the time of emergency. The City Administrator may implement necessary provisions of the Emergency Operation Plan.

3. The City Administrator shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery to this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursement from Lane County, the State of Oregon, and appropriate federal agencies; or taking any actions needed to enforce orders and rules issues by the State of Oregon under ORS Chapter 401 or by the Federal Government.

4. Emergency procurement is authorized under ORS 279B.080.

5. The following special regulations and emergency measures are imposed that are necessary for public safety or for the efficient conduct of activities to minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency:


a. The City may adjust, waive or defer permit fees, business regulation fees, and adjust land use permitting process (as legally allowed) to facilitate services during this emergency. Altered structures/uses may be required to be restored to their original configuration once this emergency is over. The City may also adjust, waive or defer permit fees for building modification or for other purposes for business, agencies and entities that are seeking to respond to this crisis.

b. The spending authority of the City Administrator is temporarily increased to \$300,000 emergency preparedness and mitigation related expenditures. The temporary increase is in effect so long as the state of emergency continues, and the City Council may revoke this authority at any time.

c. The City Administrator may order additional special regulations and emergency management procedures pursuant to this declaration of a state of emergency and under authority of Oakridge Municipal Code Chapter 37, subject to ratification of City Council at the first available opportunity.

6. The declaration of emergency and special regulations and emergency measures shall expire May 1, 2020, unless sooner terminated or extended by the City Council. The state of emergency may be extended in two-week increments so long as COVID-19 continues to pose immediate and substantial threat to life, safety, health or property in the City of Oakridge. Any extension must be ratified by the City Council at a scheduled Council Meeting.

APPROVED this 24th day of March 2020, by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.



Mayor

ATTEST


City Recorder

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