



MAYORAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY - COVID-19 RESPONSE

WHEREAS, the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “very high,” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States and Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning February 29, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Snohomish County Executive David Somers declared that a State of Emergency exists in Snohomish County for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Mayor Nicola Smith declared that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Lynnwood for COVID-19 and on March 17, 2020, reconfirmed that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Lynnwood for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, Mayor Smith declared that the State of Emergency for COVID-19 continued to exist, and to protect the health, safety and economic well-being of the public, directed that the City waive the reapplication provision of LMC 13.20.080A.4 so that customers eligible for certain special utility rates during a previous year remain eligible while the State of Emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Christine Frizzell has assumed the office of Mayor for a 4-year term beginning in 2022, and reconfirmed that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Lynnwood for COVID-19 on January 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that to provide additional assistance to customers of the City’s utility systems, the City should continue to waive the process for a customer to re-apply to continue to be eligible for certain special utility rates, which re-application process is currently required under LMC 13.20.080A.4; and

WHEREAS, the threat to public health and safety cause by the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(2), Chapter 7.20 LMC, and LMC 2.92.090; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine Frizzell, Mayor of the City of Lynnwood, to further protect the health and safety of the people of the city, the economy of the City of Lynnwood, and in an emergency that affects life, health, property, or the public peace, declare that a state of emergency continues to exist under the authority of Lynnwood Municipal Code 7.20.060 and RCW 38.52.070(2).

I hereby direct the Finance and Public Works Departments to continue to waive the reapplication provision of LMC 13.20.080A.4, in order that customers eligible for certain special utility rates during a previous year remain eligible while the State of Emergency so declared remains in effect.

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Christine Frizzell

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Christine Frizzell, Mayor

Dated: 1/18/2022