



MAYORAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY CITY OF LYNNWOOD 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, I declared that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Lynnwood for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I reconfirmed that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Lynnwood for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation No. 20-23.2, “Ratepayer Assistance and Preservation of Essential Services,” which recognized the severe negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial and economic resources of individuals and businesses, and prohibited water and other utilities from taking certain actions in response to a customer’s inability to pay, and this Proclamation, as amended, continues in effect today; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation No. 20-23.4, which extended Proclamation No. 20.23.2 and also required water and other utilities to develop Customer Support Programs designed to help ensure that customers experiencing economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic maintain access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, the City developed and adopted a Customer Support Program and other customer assistance in accordance with Proclamation No. 20-23.4; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that to provide additional assistance to customers of the City’s utility systems, the City should 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), and



Chapter 7.20 LMC, and LMC 2.92.090; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicola Smith, 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, and declare 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 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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Nicola Smith

Nicola Smith, Mayor

Dated 2/9/2021