

## **City of Quincy, Washington**

### **A MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY AND ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, I issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order related to the public emergency of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (First Proclamation), which was ratified and confirmed by the City Council for the City of Quincy (City) on March 17, 2020 pursuant to Resolution 20-509;

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed Proclamation No. 20-25, commonly referred to as the Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order, which ordered in response to COVID – 19 that all people in Washington State were immediately prohibited from leaving their home or place of residence except to conduct or participate in (1) essential activities, and/or (2) employment in providing essential business services and also prohibited all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting all activities and operations except minimum basic operations;

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, I issued another Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order related to the public emergency of COVID-19 (Second Proclamation), which was ratified and confirmed by the City Council on April 7, 2020 pursuant to Resolution 20-510;

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2020, the Grant County Health District stated that Grant County remains one of Washington State’s more active counties for COVID – 19, with the Quincy area having the most individuals within Grant County to be diagnosed for COVID – 19;

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, Governor Inslee declared, in Proclamation 20-25.3, that the Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order will remain in effect until May 31, 2020, and confirmed that a State of Emergency related to COVID – 19 continues to exist in all counties of Washington State;

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2020, I issued the third Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order related to the public emergency of COVID-19 (Third Proclamation), which was ratified and confirmed by the City Council on May 5, 2020 pursuant to Resolution 20-513;

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2020, Grant County’s application for a variance to move to Phase 2 of the Washington State Safe Start Recovery Plan was approved by John Wiesman, Secretary of Health of the Washington State Department of Health;

**WHEREAS**, the variance contained certain conditions. Moreover, the variance may be revoked if circumstances within Grant County changes, such as a significant community transmission;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Inslee’s Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening Plan does not permit government offices to reopen until Phase 3;



**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2020, Dr. Alexander Brzezny, the Grant County Health Officer, stated that a surge in the number of persons with COVID-19 can compromise the ability of Grant County to stay “open” or “reopen,” and may simultaneously endanger the County's capacity to deliver essential governmental, public health, and healthcare services to the public;

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2020, the Grant County Health District reported that 47 COVID-19 cases were reported over the past two weeks;

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2020, Governor Inslee declared, in Proclamation 20-25.4, that the Stay Home – Stay Health Order, now known as the Safe Start – Stay Healthy Order, will remain in effect until July 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the basis for the civil emergency, as stated in the First, Second and Third Proclamations, still remains within the City;

**WHEREAS**, I, as Mayor, find it to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy to protect the public health, safety and order to issue this Proclamation, which shall supplement the First, Second and Third Proclamations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Paul Worley, Mayor of the City of Quincy, do hereby proclaim and order as follows:


1. A state of emergency continues to exist in the City of Quincy due to the COVID-19 outbreak and this necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 to preserve the public health, safety and order;

2. All actions outlined in the Public Announcement, attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” are hereby authorized through July 1, 2020.

3. This Proclamation shall be filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification, or rejection. If the City Council modifies or rejects this Proclamation, the modification or rejection shall be prospective only and shall not affect any actions taken prior to the modification or rejection; and

4. Unless otherwise terminated or extended, this Proclamation shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020.

Signed this 2nd day of June, 2020.

  
Paul Worley, Mayor



# Exhibit A

## CITY OF QUINCY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Posted: June 2, 2020

City of Quincy announces changes to operations due to COVID-19 prevention.

**All City offices will remain closed until further notice.**

**We are looking tentatively at reopening to the public Thursday, July 2, 2020.**

Office staff will still be available by phone or email Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Police Department will still be responding to calls as necessary. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Non-emergent police matters please call 787-2222. The City wants to assure the public that our employees are on the job making sure that our essential services are functioning and responding to calls for service. For emergency calls for service, **it is essential to let dispatch know if you are experiencing flu like symptoms so our responders can be prepared.**

Although our offices are closed, City of Quincy bills can be paid electronically, via drop box or by mail. For those who need to drop off or pick up documents or who have other business, arrangements can be made to allow for drop off or pick up. The City of Quincy truly appreciates our community and the safe practices that we are working to employ to keep everyone healthy.

The following changes remain in effect:

- Suspension of all recreation classes and programs. Refunds will be made for cancelled programs;
- Modify delinquency procedures to waive late fees and water shut-offs to assure sanitation resources in homes;
- Suspension of all non-essential public meetings;
- Garbage Service. As provided for in QMC 6.10.240, upon application by a business owner that closes down completely for seven consecutive days or more because of this state of emergency, the Municipal Services Director or designee is hereby directed to waive garbage collection charges for the business for the time of the closure as long as the business produced no garbage, refuse, and/or waste during the closure; and
- Close public lobbies/access for bill pay/permitting, allow bill pay by phone and online at <https://www.quincywashington.us/>.

At this time, scheduled City Council and Planning Commission meetings will continue to occur via teleconferencing calls.