



**City of Renton  
Proclamation of Emergency**

WHEREAS, the City of Renton, State of Washington, empowers the Mayor to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in the City, when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a major emergency or natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency (Proclamation 20-05) for all counties in Washington State, due to the spread of COVID-19, and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County, enabling King County to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and can easily spread from person to person and the reported number of cases are increasing daily; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health – Seattle and King County is regularly updating guidance on reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and following such guidance may restrict regular government functions; and

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare of City residents, business, visitors, and personnel; and

WHEREAS, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City may require supplemental assistance; and

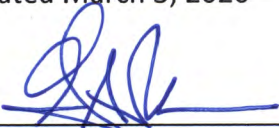
WHEREAS, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources and the duration of the event is unknown; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions relating to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

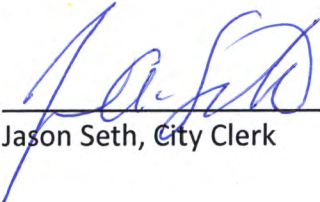
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, proclaim that an emergency exists in the City of Renton and proclaim as follows:**

1. The above recitals are found to be true and correct in all respects.
2. A local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.
3. The powers so granted shall be exercised by the City, through its Mayor and designees, in light of the exigencies of the situation without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities prescribed by ordinance, statute, rule or regulation (except mandatory constitutional requirements).
4. Each City of Renton Department is authorized to exercise powers vested under this declaration/proclamation in light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation, including but not limited to seeking aid, staffing needs, accommodations and operations.
5. The emergency proclamation shall expire unless confirmed and adopted by the Renton City Council at the next held regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Dated March 5, 2020

  
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Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton

Attest:

  
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Jason Seth, City Clerk

