



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

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RESOLUTION 20-02

DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Thurston County Fire Protection District 8 is a municipal corporation established under the laws of the state of Washington, RCW Title 52; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Washington on February 29, 2020, did declare a State of Emergency in all counties in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and local health departments and the Washington State Department of Health have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test others in Washington State potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The CDC currently indicates there are over 86,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with over 900 of those cases in the United States, and over 50 in the State of Washington, where the State Department of Health has now confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Washington State’s general public and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District 8, as follows.

Section 1. Declaration. The Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District 8 declares a State of Emergency and may exercise all rights and exemptions under law, including under Chapter 38.52. RCW which provides under such circumstances an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under law, including RCW 39.04.280.

Section 2. Open Public Meeting Act. Meetings of the Board of Thurston County Fire Protection District 8, relating to the COVID-19 emergency are not required to meet the notice requirements and meeting location restrictions of the Open Public Meetings Act.


Section 3. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

MOVED AND PASSED at a special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for Fire Protection District 8, Thurston County, Washington, on March 18, 2020 of which all Commissioners were notified, and the following majority were present and voting:

 _____, Chair Richard Gleckler
_____, Vice-Chair Gloria Zvirzdys
_____, Commissioner William Harper
 _____, Commissioner Doug Kilpatrick
 _____, Commissioner Pam Long

ATTEST:
 _____, District Secretary Heidi Stumpf