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MAYOR DENNY DOYLE DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CITY OF BEAVERTON

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle has declared a local state of emergency for the City of Beaverton as a proactive measure and to provide increased flexibility with resources and response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The declaration will help ensure the City of Beaverton is fully prepared for COVID-19, has the resources and authority needed to respond to the disease, and support the local health authority. It also provides emergency rules or guidance for city employment policies and cancels non-essential city commissions, committees, task forces and city events.

“This action is in the best interest of our residents, community members and staff,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “At this time, an emergency declaration is precautionary. We all need to be ready to respond and have quick access to goods, services and decisions.”

The declaration will remain in effect until Friday, March 27, 2020 and may be extended if circumstances require.

To see the city’s full state of emergency and for more information on Beaverton’s response to COVID-19, as well as a listing of reduced services and cancelled events, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov.

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**CITY OF BEAVERTON
DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
DUE TO COVID-19**

Whereas, the novel coronavirus causes a disease known as COVID-19, which is respiratory disease with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life and is a threat to public health and safety; and

Whereas, multiple cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Washington County; and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Oregon has declared by Executive Order No. 20-03 a statewide public health state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Oregon;

Whereas the Washington County Board of Commissioners has declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in Washington County, Oregon; and

Whereas, to ensure the City of Beaverton is fully prepared for the local outbreak of COVID-19 and has the resources and authority needed to respond to the disease, a declaration of emergency is necessary; now therefore

I, DENNY DOYLE, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BEAVERTON, DECLARE:

Section 1. A local public health state of emergency due to COVID-19 exists within the territorial limits of the City of Beaverton.

Section 2. This declaration is effective on March 13, 2020, at 12 p.m. and shall remain in effect until 12 p.m. on March 27, 2020.

Section 3. For the duration of the emergency, unless otherwise specified by the Mayor, the ordinary line of succession remains in effect.

Section 4. To protect the health of City employees, the Human Resources Department may issue emergency rules or guidance on the use of sick leave, telework, remote work, or other policies that shall be in effect only for the duration of the emergency.

Section 5. The City and its officials are authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as described in Beaverton Code Chapter 2.01 as are determined to be necessary to protect lives and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency.


Section 6. The emergency procurement of goods and services are authorized pursuant to the Oregon Public Contracting Code and applicable rules of the Beaverton Purchasing Code.

Section 7. The City's Emergency Management Program Manager shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate the response and recovery of this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance from the State of Oregon and Washington County.

Section 8. All non-essential city commissions, committees, task forces and city events are cancelled through March 27, 2020.

Dated March 13, 2020.

City of Beaverton, Oregon

By: 

Denny Doyle, Mayor