

MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 38.52 authorizes the executive authority of the Marysville Fire District (District) to exercise emergency powers to proclaim a state of emergency when an incident, whether natural or man-made, requires immediate responsive action to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; 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 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management, Snohomish County Emergency Coordination Center, began coordinating information and resources across county government to support the Snohomish Health District in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident with the Snohomish Health District; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, by Health Officer's Order No. 20-056, the Snohomish County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide public health emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers signed a proclamation of emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, thus enabling the County government to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee issued an additional Emergency Proclamation ordering that all events that takes place in King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties with more than 250 people are prohibited by the state. The order applies to gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational activities. These include but are not limited to: community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers and similar activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee issued an additional Emergency Proclamation that closed restaurants and bars and prohibited gatherings of 50 or more individuals; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of residents, businesses, visitors and staff within the Marysville Fire District's boundaries is of utmost importance to the District and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the District may require additional assistance in the future, and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the District in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency, as defined by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Section 38.52.010; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 39.04.280(3), authorize the waiver of the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice with reference to any contract relating to the District's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contracts in emergency situations;

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to chapter 38.52 RCW, and other relevant provisions of state and federal law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY FIRE CHIEF MARTIN McFALLS FOR THE MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT:

SECTION 1

It is hereby declared under RCW 38.52.020(1)(b) that a State of Emergency exists in the Marysville Fire District, as a result of the aforementioned conditions, which significantly impacts the life and health of our residents, the economy within the boundaries of the Marysville Fire District, and is a disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

SECTION 2

I hereby direct designated District departments under this proclamation and those designated within the District's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to take actions deemed necessary to otherwise mitigate and prevent impacts and potential impacts upon private property and publicly owned infrastructure, including any necessary actions needed to obtain emergency permitting through municipal, county, state or federal agencies.

SECTION 3

In order to prepare for, prevent and respond to this emergency, pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 39.04.280(3), the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice are hereby waived with reference to any contract relating to the District's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contracts. Each designated department is hereby authorized to exercise the powers vested in this proclamation in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

SECTION 4

A copy of this declaration, the extent practicable, shall be posted at the District's regular locations for official notices and shall be made available to members of the local news media and the general public.

DATED this 18 day of March, 2020.



MARTIN McFALLS, Fire Chief