

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has initiated the City's Continuity of Operations Plan in response to the threat COVID-19 represents to the community and has reported to the Mayor of the City of Pasco that a state of emergency exists within the City based upon the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, PMC 2.55.010 has authorized the Mayor to proclaim in writing the existence of a civil emergency when circumstances demand immediate action to preserve public health; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as high, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Pasco residents and may go beyond the capability of local resources.

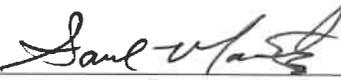
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Emergency Declaration.** A civil emergency exists within the City of Pasco, Washington, as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in Benton and Franklin Counties. PMC 2.55.010(1)(c) provides for the Mayor to declare an emergency when circumstances demand immediate action to preserve public health. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout Washington State can significantly impact the life and health of those living and working in Pasco, as well as continuity of operations and government at the City, and is a public emergency that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

2. **Emergency Powers.** The Mayor or his designee(s) are hereby authorized to utilize all emergency powers and authority set forth in RCW 38.52.070 and PMC 2.55.020, including, without limitation, the right to enter into contract, employ temporary workers and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements). This Proclamation of Emergency shall be presented to City Council for ratification as soon as practicable, in accordance with PMC 2.55.010(2).

3. **State and Federal Assistance.** The Mayor or his designee(s) are hereby authorized to request all available state and federal assistance necessary to respond to this emergency.




Saul Martinez, Mayor
City of Pasco

SIGNED, this 16th Day of March, 2020.