



CITY OF AMITY

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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Declaration of a State of Emergency
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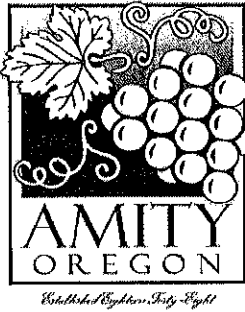
The City of Amity Declares a State of Emergency. The City Administrator declared a state of emergency by administrative order, beginning April 8, 2020 and ending June 3, 2020. The Mayor and Amity City Council adopted a resolution mirroring and superseding this administrative order also on April 8, 2020.

The declaration allows the City additional flexibility in terms of limiting access to public buildings, directing City staff and delegating resources as well as acquiring needed resources related to health and safety.

Having conferred with the Mayor, City Staff, and City Council, the City Administrator determines that COVID-19 is a public health crisis that threatens the overall vitality and economic stability of the City and the City's citizens and therefore the City Administrator finds that COVID-19 necessitates a state of emergency declaration.

The Mayor and City Administrator are confident that this State of Emergency will be limited in duration and scope, as this community is appropriately responding the State's "Stay Home. Save Lives" requirements.

Further information will be placed on the City of Amity's Facebook page and City's website. Questions may also be directed to the City Administrator at 503.835.3711.



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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AMITY COMMUNITY – APRIL 8, 2020

Dear Families and Residents of Amity,

We are a resilient, supportive, and caring community. Over the last month, the City has been working to continue business as usual, while also acknowledging and adapting to the difficult time we are in as a Community, a County, a State, and as a Nation. We've been putting policies in place and getting information out, to the best of our ability, to assist our community during this difficult time.

Last night, the City Council adopted a Resolution Declaring an Emergency in our City. We did this to allow City staff more flexibility in providing our community needed services through the end of June, and beyond if necessary.

We know many Cities have already declared emergencies, while we have not. We want to assure you that nothing has significantly changed to force us to declare an emergency now. I, your Mayor, and your Council are providing guidance and leadership for the City Staff, who have been proactive throughout this health crisis – while still conducting the City's routine business. Most importantly, we recognize that you, our community, are being resilient, resourceful, and compassionate; while following the guidance to “stay home; save lives.” We see the outreach and assistance between neighbors, friends, families, and residents throughout Amity, despite our physical distancing. We are proud of our local business community for finding ways to endure during the shutdowns and restrictions. Despite the pandemic, I am extremely proud of Amity.

So, why declare the Emergency? We consider this declaration an insurance policy. As Yamhill County, the State of Oregon, and the Federal government make decisions in response to the pandemic, your City's leadership recognizes that by not having a declaration, we could miss future opportunities which may help the Amity community at large. We do not want to miss these opportunities, if they come to fruition. City Staff is working extremely hard to make sure our community is safe and continues to function throughout the COVID-19 response and after the “all clear” is given. This declaration provides our City Staff another tool with which to serve our community.

Our knowledge regarding COVID-19 evolves every day; we continue to adapt as we know more and this declaration is one adaptation. We also encourage all of our community to look to the official Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov for the most up-to-date and accurate information on COVID-19. Also, your City Staff is providing information on its website <https://www.cityofamityoregon.org/covid-19-information> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Amity-182245868585307>.

Yes, these are trying times, but we are a resilient community, and your City is taking extra precautions while working hard to protect and assist our community during this health crisis. Although our buildings may be closed, if you have questions, please call the City at (503) 835-3711. As always, if you have an emergency call 911; if you have a non-emergency please call the YCOM Non-Emergency line at 503-434-6500. Our first responders are dedicated to your safety. We are all here to help.

We are a resilient, caring, and supportive community and we will get through these difficult times together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Cape". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Cape
Mayor

**CITY OF AMITY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-01
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
April 8, 2020**

WHEREAS, the City of Amity ("City"), an Oregon municipal corporation, under the provisions of ORS 401.305, all powers that the constitutions, statutes, and common law of the United States and Oregon expressly or impliedly grant or allow City has the authority to act as an Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that can cause respiratory disease with the potential to cause serious illness and/or loss of life for individuals, especially individuals with underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order No. 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to declare an emergency as defined to include, without limitation, a natural event, including disease, that threatens the health, safety, and/or welfare of City and its citizens and/or causes (or may cause) damage, injury, and/or death to persons and/or property in City; and

WHEREAS, the City may adopt procedures and policies to prevent, prepare for, minimize, respond to, and/or recover from an emergency, including, without limitation, adopting such measures and/or actions necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and/or welfare of persons, property, infrastructure, and/or the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has already taken action in the City's, City Staff's, and community's best interest, but has done so only in reaction to the demands of the pandemic within the limits of his/her authority; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Administrator agree that the response necessary to sustain the City and the City's residents through the pandemic, may require further action, policies, and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the unknown nature of the duration of the pandemic may have a significant impact on the City of Amity, its residents, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the unknown nature of the pandemic requires a flexible response; and

WHEREAS, State or Federal assistance to municipalities responding to the pandemic may be determined upon the declaration of an emergency being "in-place"; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator finds that COVID-19 necessitates a state of emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Findings. The above-stated findings contained in this Administrative Order No. 2020-01 (this "Order") are hereby adopted. Without otherwise limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, the City Administrator finds that COVID-19 threatens the health, safety, and/or welfare of City and its citizens and/or causes or may cause damage, injury, and/or death to persons and/or property in City.

2. Emergency Declaration; Notice. In accordance with authority invested in the City, the City Administrator declares a state of emergency commencing April 8, 2020 and ending June 3, 2020 (or such other date the Amity City Council (the "Council") determines necessary or appropriate). The emergency declared herein applies to all areas within City's incorporated limits. City will give notice of the emergency declaration through press releases, public media, and such other means the City Administrator deems reasonable under the circumstances.

2. Temporary Regulations. For purposes of preventing, preparing for, minimizing, responding to, and/or recovering from the emergency, City may, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, adopt such procedures, measures, and/or actions necessary for protection of the health, safety, and/or welfare of persons, property, infrastructure, and/or the environment. Without otherwise limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, City is hereby authorized to take such actions necessary to prepare for, prevent, mitigate, and/or respond to the emergency, including, without limitation, the following: (a) transferring and/or redirecting any City funds necessary or appropriate for uses and/or purposes related to the emergency; (b) suspending City's public contracting and/or procurement rules, procedures, and/or requirements for any contract or purchase necessary and/or appropriate to respond to the emergency, including, without limitation, contracts for goods, services, and/or construction services; (c) cancelling non-essential City meetings and/or events, including, without limitation, committee, commission, task force, and other City meetings, and/or modifying the manner and/or method in which essential City meetings are held and conducted; (d) suspending code enforcement actions; (e) ensuring the continuation of actions currently taken by the City Administrator in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to include suspension of utility shut-offs and/or utility service terminations; closing and/or limiting access to City property and City buildings, including City Hall, the library, and park facilities; adopting, modifying, and/or suspending City personnel policies, including, without limitation, adjusting work schedules, adopting remote work policies, and/or modifying leave policies; (f) applying, obtaining or securing, and distributing funding from any appropriate entity (to include, private, County, State, and Federal entities) necessary to provide financial assistance for City functions/projects, residents, and businesses, within the legal jurisdiction of the City of Amity, at the City Administrator's discretion; (g) any actions authorized under ORS chapter 401; and/or (h) adopting and implementing such actions, precautions, policies, Executive Orders, measures, and/or procedures recommended by federal, state, and/or local governments and/or agencies, including, without limitation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oregon Health Authority, and/or Yamhill County Health Authority.

3. Ratification. Subject to and in accordance with direction of Amity City Council; Council will ratify the emergency declaration contained herein by resolution at the first available opportunity.

ADOPTED AND MADE EFFECTIVE this 8th day of April, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael D. Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Michael D. Thomas
City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF AMITY DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE CITY AND CITY'S CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, the City of Amity ("City"), an Oregon municipal corporation, under the provisions of ORS 401.305, all powers that the constitutions, statutes, and common law of the United States and Oregon expressly or impliedly grant or allow City has the authority to act as an Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that can cause respiratory disease with the potential to cause serious illness and/or loss of life for individuals, especially individuals with underlying health conditions; and

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WHEREAS, the City may adopt procedures and policies to prevent, prepare for, minimize, respond to, and/or recover from an emergency, including, without limitation, adopting such measures and/or actions necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and/or welfare of persons, property, infrastructure, and/or the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has already taken action in the City's, City Staff's, and community's best interest, but has done so only in reaction to the demands of the pandemic within the limits of his/her authority; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Administrator agree that the response necessary to sustain the City and the City's residents through the pandemic, may require further action, policies, and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the unknown nature of the duration of the pandemic may have a significant impact on the City of Amity, its residents, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the unknown nature of the pandemic requires a flexible response; and

WHEREAS, State or Federal assistance to municipalities responding to the pandemic may be determined upon the declaration of an emergency being "in-place"; and

WHEREAS, the Amity City Council (the "Council") will ratify, by resolution, the proposed declaration at the first available opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that COVID-19 is a public health crisis that threatens the health, safety, and welfare of City and City's citizens and constitutes an imminent threat of severe damage, injury, illness, human suffering, financial loss, and/or loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that COVID-19 necessitates a state of emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Amity resolves as follows:

1. Findings. The above-stated findings contained in this Resolution No. 2020-02 (this "Resolution") are hereby adopted. Without otherwise limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, the Council finds that COVID-19 threatens the health, safety, and/or welfare of City and its citizens and/or causes or may cause damage, injury, and/or death to persons and/or property in City.

2. Emergency Declaration; Notice. In accordance with Authority invested in the City, Council hereby approves, ratifies, and confirms this Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 health crisis, including all actions described herein and all actions taken in furtherance thereof, and further declares a state of emergency commencing April 8, 2020 and ending June 3, 2020; provided, however, if the City Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist as of June 3, 2020, the City Administrator may, with approval of the Mayor, extend the emergency declaration by administrative order for another two (2) weeks at a time. However, the City Administrator may, using Federal and State guidance, recommend to the Mayor and/or Council that a curtailment of this declaration is warranted, and seek approval to do so, prior to June 3, 2020. The emergency declared in this Resolution applies to all areas within City's incorporated limits. City will give notice of the emergency declaration through press releases, public media, and such other means the Council deems reasonable under the circumstances.

3. Temporary Regulations. For purposes of preventing, preparing for, minimizing, responding to, and/or recovering from the emergency, City may, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, adopt such procedures, measures, and/or actions necessary for protection of the health, safety, and/or welfare of persons, property, infrastructure, and/or the environment. Without otherwise limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, City is hereby authorized to take such actions necessary to prepare for, prevent, mitigate, and/or respond to the emergency, including, without limitation, the following: (a) transferring and/or redirecting any City funds necessary or appropriate for uses and/or purposes related to the emergency; (b) suspending City's public contracting and/or procurement rules, procedures, and/or requirements for any contract or purchase necessary and/or appropriate to respond to the emergency, including, without limitation, contracts for goods, services, and/or construction services; (c) cancelling non-essential City meetings and/or events, including, without limitation, committee, commission, task force, and other City meetings, and/or modifying the manner and/or method in which essential City meetings are held and conducted; (d) suspending code enforcement actions; (e) approving the continuation of actions currently taken by the City Administrator in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to include suspension of utility shut-offs and/or utility service terminations; closing and/or limiting access to City property and City buildings, including City Hall, the library, and park facilities; adopting, modifying, and/or suspending City personnel policies, including, without limitation, adjusting work schedules, adopting remote work policies, and/or

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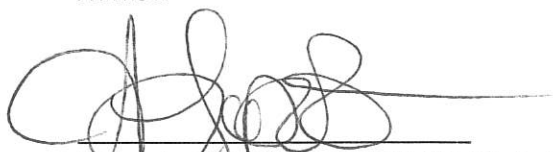
4. Authorization. The Council authorizes, approves, and directs the City Administrator acting individually and without further Council approval and/or authorization, to take all actions necessary or appropriate to prevent, prepare for, minimize, respond to, and/or recover from the emergency, including, without limitation, adopting, implementing, administering, and/or effectuating any policy, procedure, measure, and/or action described in Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Resolution. The approval and authority provided under this Section 4 will remain in full force and effect until the earlier of (a) conclusion of the state of emergency declaration provided under Section 2 of this Resolution, or (b) revocation by a Council vote. The City Administrator is further authorized to coordinate with other federal, state, and/or local agencies concerning City's response to, and recovery from, the emergency, including, without limitation, requesting assistance and reimbursement from the State of Oregon and/or appropriate federal agencies.

5. Miscellaneous. All pronouns contained in this Resolution and any variations thereof will be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, or neutral, singular or plural, as the identity of the parties may require. The singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular. The word "or" is not exclusive. The words "include," "includes," and "including" are not limiting. The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, and/or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid, unenforceable, and/or unconstitutional, such invalid, unenforceable, and/or unconstitutional section, subsection, sentence, clause, and/or portion will (a) yield to a construction permitting enforcement to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, and (b) not affect the validity, enforceability, and/or constitutionality of the remaining portion of this Resolution. This Resolution may be corrected by order of the Council to cure editorial and/or clerical errors.

ADOPTED by the City Council of City of Amity and signed by the Mayor this 5th day of April 2020.


Michael Cape, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amber Lopez, City Clerk (IN LIEU OF: Natasha Johnson, City Recorder)