



A PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF WOODWAY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new virus strain spreading from person-to-person, and health experts are concerned because little is known about this new virus and it has the potential to cause severe illness or death in some people, and health experts are still learning the details of how the virus spreads and the range of illness; and

WHEREAS, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "very high," and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States and Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, in response to new cases of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Washington declared by Proclamation (20-05) that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington, 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, the Snohomish Health District has notified the Mayor that the Health District has recorded its first known Woodway resident infected with COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodway desires to take timely, reasonable and prudent measures to ensure the safety of our residents during this period of imminent risk to public health; and

WHEREAS, this present and expanding health emergency necessitates activation of the emergency powers granted pursuant to chapter 2.36 Woodway Municipal Code and chapter 38.52 RCW.

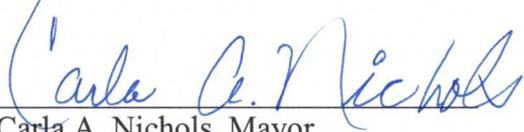
NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. The spread of the Covid-19 virus constitutes an emergency as defined by the Town of Woodway Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and necessitates the use of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.
2. I hereby appoint the Town Administrator as the Town's disaster services coordinator and direct that he and department directors take actions deemed necessary to protect the health and safety of persons and property, including any necessary actions needed to obtain emergency supplies through municipal, county, state, or federal agencies.
3. In order to prepare for, prevent, and respond to this emergency, pursuant to chapter 2.36 WMC and RCW 38.52.070, the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice are hereby waived with reference to any contract relating to the Town'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 Town department director 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).

4. A copy of this proclamation shall be posted on the exterior of Town Hall and shall be made available to members of the local news media and the general public.

Signed this 16th day of March 2020


Carla A. Nichols, Mayor