

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-36

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-32, AND EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Whereas, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown declared an emergency due to the public health threat posed by the novel infectious coronavirus (COVID-19);

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that COVID-19 is a global pandemic;

Whereas, on March 12, 2020, the Governor issued an executive order prohibiting large social, spiritual, and recreational gatherings of 250 people or more, statewide;

Whereas, on March 12, 2020, the Governor ordered all public schools to close from March 16 to at least April 1, 2020;

Whereas, on March 12, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency related to COVID-19;

Whereas, on March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended no gatherings greater than 50 people;

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, the Governor prohibited gatherings of more than 25 people and further ordered the closure of all restaurants and bars;

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, the federal government recommended that gatherings of people be limited to less than ten people;

Whereas, Governor Kate Brown has issued a number of emergency orders requiring face covering, limiting public gatherings, temporarily closing state offices and buildings to the public, temporarily closing or restricting certain businesses and requiring businesses to implement social distancing measures;

Whereas, COVID-19 spreads person-to-person through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands, or touching an object or surface with the virus on it, and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes. The symptoms include fever, cough and difficulty breathing;

Whereas, this emergency and guidance from public health officials is rapidly evolving;

Whereas, the gathering of groups of people for extended periods of time is contrary to the guidance and best practices provided by public health authorities; and

Whereas, consistent with mitigation strategies for communities recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development, and the Oregon

Health Authority with regard to COVID-19, in order to slow the spread of the disease, and to protect residents who are at the highest risk for contracting the disease, it is necessary to implement social distancing and community mitigation measures immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON,
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A state of emergency was declared by the Salem City Council through Resolution 2020-18, and the emergency was extended by the Council through Resolution 2020-20, extended again by Resolution No. 2020-32 through August 31, 2020.

Section 2. The emergency or threatened conditions set forth in Resolutions 2020-18 and 2020-20 and 2020-32 continue to exist, and therefore it is necessary to extend the state of emergency.

Section 3. The state of emergency is extended through January 12, 2021. Nothing in this resolution prevents the Salem City Council from rescinding or modifying the state of emergency prior to January 12, 2021 if circumstances warrant. Further, the City Manager has authority to rescind or modify any emergency orders that have been issued to address as needed.

Section 8. This extension of the state of emergency shall terminate, unless expressly terminated or extended by the Salem City Council, on **January 12, 2021**.

Section 9. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: _____