

RESOLUTION 2020-12

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE FIRST EXTENSION OF THE
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF TOPPENISH,
WASHINGTON DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”)**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington issued a Proclamation declaring a state of emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus which has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”) in the State of Washington and the serious nature of the effects of COVID-19 on the population, and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Yakima County Commissioners declared a state of emergency in Yakima County as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Yakima County, thus enabling Yakima County to take extraordinary measures to address the threat of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to the public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Toppenish issued a Declaration of Emergency through April 27, 2020, and

WHEREAS, as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 affecting residents in Yakima County, the Proclamations and Orders issued by the Governor and the Yakima County Commissioners, and to provide for the best opportunity for the City of Toppenish to address immediate responses to the threat of COVID-19 in the City of Toppenish and reduce the opportunities for exposure to the disease, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Toppenish to authorize the First Extension of the Declaration of Emergency to follow the same through May 26, 2020, unless rescinded sooner or extended by the City Council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPPENISH AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council of the City of Toppenish issues a First Extension of the Declaration of Emergency on April 27, 2020, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and takes the following action:
 - Cancels all City Council meetings until the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2020, if needed.
 - Authorizes the payment of all Accounts Payable and Payroll in the interim until the same can be ratified at the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting.
 - Closure of all City buildings, to include City Hall, Fire Department, Police Department, to the public and occupancy use limits in compliance as imposed by local, state, and federal regulations.
 - Authorizes the suspension of online service charges to utility customers while this First Extension of the Declaration of Emergency

is in effect.

- The City Manager is authorized to request any state or federal assistance needed to meet the demands of the emergency that exists, as the City may be in need of economic assistance from available state and federal sources for expenses associated with the response to the COVID-19 threat and the costs associated therewith.
- The City Manager may take whatever measures the City Manager deems necessary and reasonable to respond to the threat of COVID-19 and to protect the public health and safety of the City's residents during this state of civil emergency.

2. The attached First Extension of the Declaration of Emergency shall be in effect through May 26, 2020, unless rescinded sooner or extended by the City Council.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and signatures hereto.

PASSED by the Toppenish City Council at its regular meeting held on April 27, 2020.


BLAINE R. THORINGTON, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, City Clerk

**FIRST EXTENSION OF
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**City of Toppenish, Washington
April 27, 2020**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the first confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) were detected in Yakima County, and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is an infectious respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and that can easily spread from person to person, and

WHEREAS, international, federal, and state government public health authorities have issued warnings regarding the impacts and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed that a State of Emergency related to COVID-19 exists in all counties in the state of Washington, and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Yakima County and the City of Yakima both declared an Emergency related to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Toppenish issued a Declaration of Emergency

WHEREAS, one or more COVID-19 events have now occurred in Yakima County, and disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected in local municipalities, including the City of Toppenish, from the above conditions, and

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare within the City of Toppenish and City resources related to disease prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and related public services and funding are expected to be severely affected and/or exhausted, and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management and the Yakima County Health District have declared a local health emergency and have recommended that Cities in Yakima County likewise declare an emergency to manage the impacts of COVID-19,

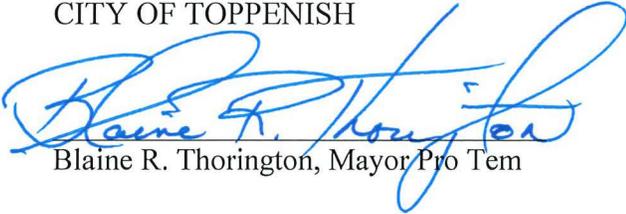
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Emergency Declaration:** A State of Emergency, pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW, exists within the City of Toppenish to respond to the impacts of COVID-19.
2. **Emergency Powers:** All emergency powers and authority granted in Chapter 38.52 RCW and in RCW 39.04.280, which allows streamlined processes for purchasing goods and services, are hereby invoked. Each City department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this declaration to take emergency actions and provide emergency services to protect the health and safety of persons and property.

3. **State and Federal Assistance:** The City Manager is authorized to seek State and Federal assistance and potential reimbursement for local funds spent on COVID-19 response.
4. **Limitations:** This declaration is not intended as a finding of "public danger" under RCW 35A.13.030.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2020.

CITY OF TOPPENISH



Blaine R. Thorington, Mayor Pro Tem