

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON SHUT-OFFS OF CITY UTILITIES FOR NONPAYMENT AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REDUCE HARDSHIP OF OLYMPIA'S CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY ILLNESS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OR JOB LOSS OR ECONOMIC HARDSHIP RELATED THERETO AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO SLOW THE DISEASE'S ADVANCE

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Olympia City Council passed Ordinance No. 7233 declaring a state of emergency relating to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic and authorizing actions as are reasonable and necessary to mitigate conditions caused by such public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, events relating to this public health crisis have escalated from day to day due to efforts to slow or stem the disease's advance within the population of the City's residents and citizens of the State of Washington and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, such necessary efforts as decreed by Governor Jay Inslee, President Donald Trump, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have resulted in necessary but significant harmful impacts to the economies of the City of Olympia, the State of Washington and the United States of America, in efforts to prevent the contagion from spreading and infecting more people and resulting in more deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council recognizes the severe adverse economic impacts on businesses, restaurants and workers within the City of Olympia and sees the need for immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 7233 declaring a state of public health emergency, the Olympia City Council will take all actions within its powers and resources to protect the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens and businesses of the City of Olympia during the novel coronavirus COVID-19 epidemic to mitigate the consequences of the illness and public health emergency taking place.

Section 2. The Olympia City Council further declares that the City Manager is authorized, directed and empowered to immediately put into place a moratorium to prohibit, delay or suspend any and all shut-offs of City utility customers who declare they have suffered economic or job loss as a result of the current public health emergency, including but not limited to infection, illness, quarantine, job loss or business hardship as a result of business closures or the slowing economy resulting from the necessary steps to stem the progression of the disease and epidemic.

Section 3. In addition to the foregoing, the Olympia City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager that the temporary moratorium permitted and imposed as provided in Section 2 of this Resolution shall be in full force and effect, upon adoption by the City Council, and shall not expire until 11:59 p.m. on April 24, 2020. Provided, however, the City Manager shall have the authority, in his discretion, to extend the temporary moratorium for additional time periods based upon public health necessity and the impact upon the City's economy.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of March, 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY