

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT AND AMENDING SECTION 2.24.080 OF THE OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE.**

**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) and authorizing actions as are reasonable and necessary to mitigate conditions caused by such public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Olympia City Council finds it is necessary to amend Olympia Municipal Code Section 2.24.080 for purposes of the declared state of emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Amendment of OMC 2.24.080.** Olympia Municipal Code Section 2.24.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2.24.080 Continuity of government**

In the event of an emergency or disaster as defined in Section 2.24.030 affecting the City of Olympia, the following policy is hereby established to provide for continuity of city government.

**CITY COUNCIL:** In the event the emergency or disaster results in one or more council members being unavailable after a reasonable attempt at notice to convene by the Mayor, City Manager or Director of Emergency Management, those council members available for duty shall constitute the City Council, and shall have full power to act by majority vote of those present for the purpose of meeting temporary immediate and emergency needs brought on by the emergency or disaster.

**CITY MANAGER:** In the event that the City Manager and Assistant City Manager are unavailable by reason of an emergency or disaster, the City Council shall by majority vote of those present select an emergency interim city manager to exercise and discharge the duties of that office.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:** In the event that a department director is unavailable by reason of an emergency or disaster, the City Manager shall appoint an emergency interim director.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS AT OTHER THAN USUAL PLACES:** ~~In the event it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the City of Olympia at the regular or usual place or places, the City Council may meet at any temporary place or places within or without the territorial limits of the City on the call of the Mayor or any two council members. After the relocation, affairs of the City shall lawfully be conducted at the emergency temporary location or locations for the duration of the emergency or disaster of a declared emergency or disaster which demands immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, protect public property, or to provide relief to the City of Olympia which may be overtaken by such occurrences, or which~~

reaches such a dimension or degree of destructiveness as to warrant the Governor proclaiming a state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.010, or as provided in the state Emergency Management Act (RCW 38.52), the Council will make available a speakerphone, conference call-in number or video streaming available at a location in Olympia City Hall or other city meeting location where the public can attend and listen to the City Council business or committee meeting. A request to change the location of Council meetings may be made on the call of the Mayor or any two Councilmembers.

**Section 2. Corrections.** The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

**Section 4. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance is for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety, and welfare pursuant to City of Olympia public health emergency Ordinance No. 7233 and shall take immediate effect upon adoption, as provided by law.

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MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

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CITY CLERK

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

**PASSED:**

**APPROVED:**

**PUBLISHED:**