

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,  
AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
RESERVES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RECOVERY EFFORTS RELATED TO  
CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed Proclamation 20-05 declaring that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State, and that the risk of person-to-person transmission throughout Washington State and the United States of America would significantly impact the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace. The Governor directed State agencies and departments to utilize State resources to do everything reasonably possible to assist political subdivisions of the State in responding to and recovering from the outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Olympia City Council enacted Ordinance No. 7233 declaring a state of public health emergency, and that 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 pandemic to mitigate the consequences of the illness and public health emergency taking place and to maintain essential public services such as police, fire, public works and public utilities such as water and solid waste collection; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-25 ordering citizens of Washington to stay home, non-essential businesses to cease operations, and restricting essential business activities until midnight April 8, 2020, subject to extension by further order of the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 7235 appropriating \$550,000 of Economic Development reserve funds for use in efforts to support the City's response to the community's economic distress caused by the coronavirus COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 2020, the Finance Committee recommended that the City Manager bring forward a funding strategy for an additional \$1,000,000 for support of regional economic recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2020, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 7246 declaring a continuing state of public health emergency relating to coronavirus COVID-19 and authorizing actions as are reasonable and necessary to mitigate conditions caused by such public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2020, the City Council considered a funding strategy proposed by staff which recommended an additional \$1,000,000 from Economic Development Reserves be appropriated to the Operating Budget Special Accounts Funds to be used on efforts such as business re-opening grants,

residential rental assistance, childcare funding and support, inclusive economy building, cooperative business technical assistance, and maintaining a reserve for emerging needs and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, staff will be pursuing a reimbursement of \$550,000 of economic recovery spending through CARES Act Distribution Funding, bringing the total contribution from the Economic Development Reserves to \$1,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, authorizing appropriation of \$1,000,000 in Economic Development Reserves now to be included in the 2020 third quarter budget amendment ordinance will provide staff with the budget capacity to proceed with economic relief initiatives approved by the City Council;

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

**Section 1.** Pursuant to Ordinance No. 7233 and as extended by Ordinance No. 7246 declaring a continued 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 pandemic to mitigate the consequences of the illness and public health emergency taking place and to maintain essential public services such as police, fire, public works and public utilities such as water and solid waste collection.

**Section 2.** The Olympia City Council hereby approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to appropriate \$1,000,000 of Economic Development Reserves to support community economic recovery efforts to residents and businesses suffering severe financial impacts due to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

**Section 3.** The Finance Director shall and is hereby authorized to include the appropriation of \$1,000,000 in Economic Development Reserve funds in the 2020 third quarter budget amendment ordinance.

**PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Mark Barber**  
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CITY ATTORNEY