

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-268
CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE EXISTING COVID-19 CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, the State of Washington, along with much of the world, is experiencing an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19, and;

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

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus beginning on January 27, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020 Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency (Proclamation 20-05) for all counties in Washington State due to the spread of COVID-19 and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented, and;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Health Officer of the Spokane Regional Health District issued a Health Officer Order, per his authority as provided under WAC 246-100-07, intended on reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 which may affect government functions, and;

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare of City residents, visitors, and staff, and;

WHEREAS, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and;

WHEREAS, the City may require supplemental assistance, and;

WHEREAS, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources and the duration of the event is unknown, and;

WHEREAS, the existing conditions related to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Liberty Lake declares that a local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak and that emergency operations are in effect, and this necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

The City of Liberty Lake is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this resolution considering the exigencies of this emergency without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting Constitutional requirements).

Passed by the City Council this 17th day of March, 2020.



Shane Brickner, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Ann Swenson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, Sean P. Boutz