

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POTLATCH, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXTENSION OF THE MAYOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER MADE EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2020; AND PROVIDING THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all citizens of the City of Potlatch is the greatest priority and is of the utmost importance of the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Potlatch City Code, Title 1, Chapter 8 and the authority pursuant to Idaho Code, in order to effectively preserve the health and safety of the public, the Mayor is granted the emergency powers to issue public health emergency orders; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Public Health-Idaho North Central District and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare issued an Update Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Public Events, recommending the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America be implemented for the next 15 days through March 31 to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America recommends:

1. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
2. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
3. Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts; use drive-thru, pickup or deliver options.
4. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
5. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance; and

WHEREAS, both the CDC, the federal government, and our local public health district have recommended practices to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19, including social distancing, and on March 18, 2020, Governor Brad Little adopted these recommendations for the state of Idaho. The recommendations include that individuals practice social distancing by not gathering in groups of more than ten (10) people and that they avoid eating at bars, restaurants and

food courts. The recommendations further include that individuals use drive-up, take-out and delivery options for meals. The policies, along with other information, are available on the CDC's official COVID-19 website. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. Additionally, as of March 23, 2020 there are forty-seven (47) cases of COVID-19 within Idaho; and

WHEREAS, due to Idaho being a diverse and expansive state, Governor Brad Little is not mandating categorical closures at this time. Governor Little is trusting the local leaders to make the decisions regarding mandates appropriate for their community; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted under Idaho Code § 46-1011, David L. Brown, Mayor of the City of Potlatch, Idaho, proclaimed and declared local disaster emergency in the City of Potlatch, Latah County, Idaho due to the COVID-19 pandemic and authorized the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Council of the City of Potlatch signed Resolution 2020-03-24, Authorizing Continuation of the Local Emergency Proclamation until May 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, David L. Brown, Mayor of the City of Potlatch, Idaho proclaimed and declared Public Health Emergency Order No. 20-01; and

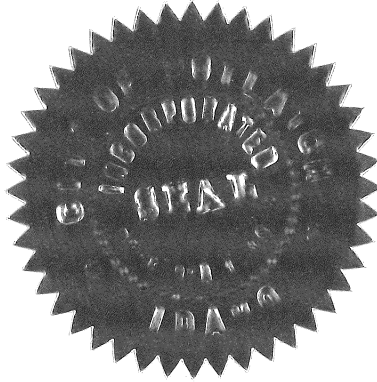
WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary by the Council of the City of Potlatch to extend such Public Health Emergency Order No. 20-01 to provide for the ongoing threat to public life and property and the Council wishes to continue to be proactive and help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to encourage our community members and community businesses to do their part to prevent and limit the spreading of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Potlatch as follows:

The Public Health Emergency Order 20-01, ordering limitations on mass gatherings, restaurants and bars within the City of Potlatch, Latah County, Idaho, signed into effect on March 24, 2020, by Mayor David L. Brown, attached as Exhibit A, shall be continued and remain in effect until May 5, 2020.

That this Resolution shall become effective as of the 24 of March, 2020.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Potlatch, Idaho, this 24 day of March, 2020.



David L. Brown

Mayor, David L. Brown

Attest:

Judi Davis

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Clerk./Treasurer

Exhibit A

(Insert Signed Emergency Declaration/Proclamation)

