



CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE RESOLUTION NO. 200423-2

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY - COVID-19

WHEREAS: On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS: On February 29, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 Declaring a State of Emergency in all counties of the State of Washington to address the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: On March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump Declared a National Emergency relating to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: The Washington State outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout Clark County and Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of our customers and District employees and constitutes a public emergency that affects life, health, and property; and

WHEREAS: The Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners has determined that the impacts of COVID-19 on the District, its residents and its employees require that the Board declare a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS: The Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners has determined that in order to address the emergency, the District Fire Chief or designee requires the flexibility to make procurement, staffing and other decisions that may exceed the prior authority delegated by the Board to the Fire Chief.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire & Rescue that:

1. It is hereby declared that there is an emergency due to the COVID-19 spread in Clark County; and
2. The Fire Chief or designee should have full authority to take all necessary actions to protect the District's residents and employees during such period as the declared Covid-19 emergency exists in Clark County; and
3. Without limiting the foregoing grant of authority, the Fire Chief or designee is specifically authorized to combat such emergency and to protect the health and safety of persons and property by taking the following nonexclusive actions without additional authorization of the Board of Commissioners and without regard to limits previously established by the Board of Commissioners:
 - a. Enter into contracts, incur obligations and make necessary expenditures in excess of policy and budgetary limits.
 - b. Waive the requirements of competitive bidding when necessary.
 - c. Employ temporary workers and make staffing and scheduling decisions as necessary.

- d. Fully or partially close CCF&R Administration Offices to the public and institute other limitations in order to limit possible exposure to employees of COVID-19. This includes suspending all non-essential services.
- e. Pursuant to RCW 42.14.070, in the event all elected Board members are unable to perform their duties, then the Fire Chief shall appoint temporary interim successors to the Board of Commissioners to serve until the properly appointed or elected Governance Board members are able to resume service or until the vacancies are filled by the Clark County Board of Commissioners.
- f. The Fire Chief shall make provision to allow for Commissioners to attend meetings electronically or telephonically.
- g. The Board of Commissioners declare that the actions authorized by this Proclamation are necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the public health or safety, to prevent an imminent danger to public and private property, and these actions must be taken within an appropriate time to respond to the emergency.
- h. To the extent feasible, the Fire Chief will consult with and advise the Board Chair with respect to all actions taken under the authority of this Proclamation. Any contract entered into, all expenditures made and a report of action taken under the authority of this Proclamation will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the earliest practical time for review.
- i. This Clark County Fire & Rescue Declaration of Emergency COVID-19 and all powers specifically authorized therein shall be rescinded by a vote of the Board of Commissioners when it is determined that a state of emergency no longer exists.

ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners in Ridgefield, Washington, on the 23rd day of April, 2020 the following Commissioners being present and voting.

4/23/20 - Approved unanimously (virtual meeting)

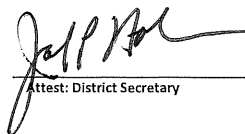
Commissioner Stanley Chunn

Commissioner James R Johnson

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner David Town


Attest: District Secretary