

**CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE
RESOLUTION NO. 221110-3**

REVOCATION OF RESOLUTION 200423-2

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 impacted the life and health of our customers and District employees and constituted a public emergency that affected life, health, and property; and

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

WHEREAS: The Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Commissioners determined that in order to address the emergency, the Fire Chief or designee required the flexibility to make procurement, staffing and other decisions that might exceed the prior authority delegated by the Board to the Fire Chief.

WHEREAS: On April 23, 2020 the Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 200423-2, a resolution granting the Fire Chief 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

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 200423-2 the Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Commissioners resolved that:

1. There was an emergency due to the COVID-19 spread in Clark County; and
2. The Fire Chief or designee would 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 was 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 CCFR Administration Offices to the public and institute other limitations in order to limit possible exposure to employees of COVID-19. This included suspending all non-essential services.
- e. Pursuant to RCW 42.14.070, in the event all elected Board members were unable to perform their duties, the Fire Chief could appoint temporary interim successors to the Board of Commissioners to serve until the properly appointed or elected Governance Board members were able to resume service or until the vacancies were filled by the Clark County Board of Commissioners.
- f. The Fire Chief was authorized to enact provisions to allow for Commissioners to attend meetings electronically or telephonically.
- g. The Board of Commissioners declared that the actions authorized by this Proclamation were necessary to avoid an imminent threat to public health and safety, to prevent an imminent danger to public and private property, and these actions be taken within an appropriate time to respond to the emergency.
- h. To the extent feasible, the Fire Chief was to 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 was to be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the earliest practical time for review.
- i. The Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Declaration of Emergency COVID-19 and all powers specifically authorized therein under the emergency declaration shall be rescinded by a vote of the Board of Commissioners when it was determined that the state of emergency no longer existed.

WHEREAS: Beginning in April 2022, Washington Governor Jay Inslee began lifting many of the COVID-19 emergency proclamations in the State; and

WHEREAS: Effective October 31, 2022 the governor rescinded all remaining COVID-19 emergency proclamations and the state of emergency in all counties of the State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue that Resolution No. 200423 be rescinded.

ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Commissioners in Ridgefield, Washington, on the 10th day of November, 2022 the following Commissioners being present and voting.

Commissioner Stanley Chunn

Commissioner David Town

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner Jade Bourke

Attest: District Secretary