

## ORDINANCE NO. 890

**AN ORDINANCE** extending the emergency declaration in the City of Oroville due to COVID-19 through June 2, 2020, or sooner if the Oroville City Council determines that the extraordinary measures contained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety and welfare of the City of Oroville.

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and local health departments and the Washington State Department of Health have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test others in Washington State potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

**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**, this worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person to-person transmission throughout the Washington State and the residents of Okanogan County significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of the region, and is a public emergency that affects the life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020 the Governor of the State of Washington declared that a state of emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington State Military Department, State Emergency Operations Center, is coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident with the Washington State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, Okanogan County Department of Public Health and the Okanogan County Emergency Management Department has reported that conditions created by the Public Health threat from COVID-19 virus pandemic presents a public health and safety concern in Okanogan County and have recommended the county take appropriate actions to help slow the spread of the virus;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:**

1. A state of emergency is declared due to the COVID-19 Virus national pandemic in the City of Oroville.
2. This emergency necessitates utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 35A.33.080, RCW 38.52.070(2) and RCW 39.04.280
3. That City of Oroville elected officials and City of Oroville department heads are hereby directed to effectuate emergency procedures to address necessary steps to maintain continuity of operations of city government.
4. Elected officials and departments are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations in order to address emergency responses specific to the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. Elected officials and department heads are authorized to exercise the powers vested in this ordinance in light of the extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements) in order to prepare for, prevent and respond to this emergency. The requirements of competitive bidding and public notice are hereby waived for emergency related procurements pursuant to RCW 35A.33.080, RCW 38.52.070(2) and purchasing/contracting requirements pursuant to RCW 39.04.280.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that for the work period May 1 through June 2, 2020, the Oroville City Council grants authority to City of Oroville Department Heads to approve options for those employees that are deemed non-essential during that time period and are sent home shall be considered on-call and must remain available to come to work during their regular scheduled shift if called, provided that they regularly check their office email and provide a telephone number where they can be reached for work related issues and are available to physically report to work as deemed necessary.

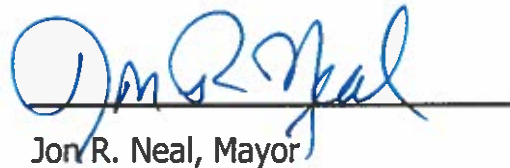
**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the emergency authority granted under this ordinance shall expire on June 2, or sooner if the Oroville City Council determines that the extraordinary measures contained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety and welfare of the City of Oroville.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the City of Oroville will take reasonable actions to mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on their utility customers caused by this crisis, including, but not limited to: acting to prevent disconnection of services due to non-payment during the term of this emergency declaration, waiving late payments and fees incurred during the term of this emergency and using payment plans to fulfill customer outstanding balances that are a result of this emergency.


**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that pursuant to RCW 35A.12.130, this ordinance having been passed by a vote of the majority plus one of the entire Oroville City Council shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

APPROVED:

  
Jon R. Neal, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JoAnn L. Denney, Clerk-Treasurer