

CITY OF COOS BAY

Resolution 20-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY, OREGON, REQUESTING GOVERNOR KATE BROWN'S IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, LIFE, AND SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OF COOS BAY, OREGON.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved Executive Order 20-03, Declaration of Emergency due to Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved Executive Order 20-05 Prohibiting Large Gatherings Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved Executive Order 20-06 Declaration of Abnormal Disruption of the Market due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Coos County Board of Commissioners declared that a local State of Emergency exists for Coos County under ORS 401.309 and County Code Article 10, on March 17, 2020, Order 20-03-049L; and

WHEREAS, the Coos Bay City Manager declared that a local State of Emergency exists for the City of Coos Bay under CBMC 8.25.050; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved Executive Order 20-07 Prohibiting On-Premises Consumption of Food or Drink and Gatherings of More Than 25 People; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved Executive Order 20-08 School Closures and the Provision of School-based and Child Care Services in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved Executive Order 20-09 Suspension of In-Person Instructional Activities at Higher Education Institutions in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved Executive Order 20-10 Preserving Personal Protective Equipment and Hospital Beds, Protecting Health Care Workers, Postponing Non-urgent Health Care Procedures, and Restricting Visitation in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved Executive Order 20-12 Directing citizens to "Stay Home, Save Lives", Closure of Certain Businesses, Required Social Distancing for Other Retail Businesses, Workspace Restrictions, Implementing Regulations on Government Buildings, Implementing Regulations Childcare Facilities, and Implementing Regulations on Outdoor Recreations and Travel; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has greater health impacts to older populations and those with existing health conditions; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Census, Coos County's resident population of 65+ years of age is 26.9%; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, there have been no presumptive of positive cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) identified in Coos County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, and our coastal communities have limited health care resources for in hospital patient care to treat Coronavirus (COVID-19) positive cases; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay and our coastal communities have limited supplies and resources for the needs of our existing residents; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown and the Oregon Health Authority have issued the Executive Orders listed above and protocols for state residents for social distancing and to stay home and stay healthy to reduce the spread and flatten the curve of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as to not overwhelm the states limited health care resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay and our coastal communities have seen an influx of visitors during this time from California, Washington, and other areas outside of our jurisdiction that increases the risk of Coronavirus (COVID-19) spread in the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, and our coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay supports our business community and encourages tourism, but not at this time as it causes violations of Governor Brown's Executive Orders and the protocols from the Oregon Health Authority, in addition to adding stress on resources for residents due to the closure of sit-down dining establishments; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the public health, life and safety of the residents of the City of Coos Bay and our coastal communities, it is the recommendation to Governor Brown by the Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus that all transient lodging facilities be closed to stay and purchase to persons of less than 28 days along the Oregon Coast.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coos Bay, that public health, life and safety Emergency exists in Coos County due to individuals that are not following the protocols set forth in Governor Brown's Executive Orders and outlined by the Oregon Health Authority and continue to visit Coos County and coastal communities during this time of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: To request with this resolution, that Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, include in her next Executive Order the recommendations of the Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus to close all transient lodging facilities to stay and purchase to persons of less than 28 days in our coastal counties and their communities, until May 1, 2020, with limited exceptions to individuals in the trucking industry, victims of domestic violence, health care workers, contract workers, and others that may be deemed as essential personnel services.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon this 25th day of March 2020.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder