



OFFICE OF MAYOR
TED WHEELER

City of Portland

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
LOCAL EMERGENCY) Extension of Emergency Declaration
WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND) Through July 16, 2020
DECLARED ON MARCH 12, 2020)

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease (COVID-19) is a global emergency that is unprecedented in modern history. Profoundly impacting our daily lives, it has inspired Portlanders to respond with courage, compassion, wisdom and resolve to overcome this crisis and help each other; and

WHEREAS, the virus is easily transmitted, especially in group settings and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients, safeguard public health and protect all members of the community, especially health care providers and those most vulnerable to the virus (including but not limited to people with disabilities, people with underlying health conditions and older people); and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I executed a Declaration of Emergency for the City of Portland due to the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus, which creates an extreme risk to public health, government and business continuity, and the local economy of the City of Portland, across the entire City; and

WHEREAS, since that time the virus has continued to spread rapidly in many locations, including throughout the State of Oregon and the City of Portland, causing severe illness and death; and

WHEREAS, the March 12, 2020, Declaration of Emergency vests in the Mayor all powers listed in Portland City Code 15.08.020, in addition to any other power that may lawfully be exercised by local government; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I also ordered an Emergency Temporary Moratorium on Evictions Due to Nonpayment of Rent for Residential Tenants Where the Failure to Pay Rent Results from Wage Loss Due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Portland City Council passed an ordinance affirming the Emergency Temporary Moratorium on Evictions Due to Nonpayment of Rent for Residential Tenants Where the Failure to Pay Rent Results from Wage Loss Due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oregon, Kate Brown, issued Executive Order No. 20-05, prohibiting gatherings of 250 or more people statewide and announcing a statewide closure of Oregon K-12 schools from March 16, 2020, through March 31, 2020, to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oregon, Kate Brown, issued Executive Order No. 20-07, finding that COVID-19 causes respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness or death, COVID-19 is a global pandemic which spreads through person-to-person contact, COVID-19 is spreading in the community and the number of cases is expected to increase, and COVID-19 may spread even before symptoms appear requiring further measures to limit the spread of the disease in the community; and therefore ordered in Executive Order No. 20-07 a prohibition on on-premises consumption of food or drink at all restaurants bars and similar establishments, and a ban on gatherings of 25 people or more; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oregon, Kate Brown, extended the K-12 school closure period to April 28, 2020, citing a surge in COVID-19 cases and the need to avoid “a higher strain on our medical system and greater loss of life to this disease”; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oregon, Kate Brown, issued Executive Order 20-12, ordering the public to stay at home to stay healthy, and ordering certain businesses to close unless otherwise permitted to operate as provided by the Governor’s Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the President of the United States approved a major disaster declaration for the State of Oregon due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of June 29, 2020, 8,121 Oregonians have tested positive for COVID-19 and at least 204 people statewide have died; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oregon, Kate Brown, has announced a framework for re-opening businesses and relaxing restrictions that first requires a comprehensive testing, tracing and isolation strategy coupled with ensuring the state has sufficient hospital beds to handle a surge of patients and enough protective equipment for health care workers; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oregon, Kate Brown, has extended the statewide Declaration of Emergency through July 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has voted to extend the County's emergency declaration to July 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland's March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency, as extended, is set to expire at 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2020, unless otherwise extended by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City Code allows the Declaration of Emergency to be extended in two-week increments as necessary to address the emergency; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons stated herein, the emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus continues to impact our community in unprecedented ways justifying the extension of the City's Declaration of Emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to my authority under the Charter and Code of the City of Portland and the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency, I hereby order as follows:

A. The Declaration of Emergency for the City of Portland, Oregon, issued on March 12, 2020, as duly extended and now set to expire at 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2020, is hereby extended through **8:00 a.m. on July 16, 2020**, and the terms of the Declaration of Emergency shall be in full force and effect for the duration of this extension, unless otherwise amended, modified or rescinded; and

B. All Emergency Orders, or other directives, commands or orders issued under the authority of the March 12, 2020, Declaration of Emergency are hereby extended in full force and effect through the duration of this extension, unless otherwise amended, modified or rescinded; and

C. This order is enforceable to the fullest extent provided by Portland City Code 15.08.040.

D. If any provision of the Declaration of Emergency, or any Emergency Orders, directives, commands, or other orders issued under the authority of the Declaration, or their application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the duly exercised authority, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of the Declaration of Emergency, or any Emergency Orders, directives, commands, or other orders issued under the authority of the Declaration, are severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2020

City of Portland, Oregon

By: 

Ted Wheeler, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tracy Reeve, City Attorney
For Portland, Oregon