

City of Medina, Washington PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY Coronavirus / COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Operations Director have reported to the Mayor of the City of Medina that several individuals in the region have tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control has issued warnings regarding the impacts and severity of this event, as have Washington State, King County, and local health organizations; and

WHEREAS, such organizations have also issued recommendations for procedures to minimize exposure to and retard the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed that at State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease with a high transmission facility between persons which can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medina is the location of a large regional transportation hub that brings thousands of persons into and out of Medina on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has resulted in death or injury of persons and/or the destruction of or damage to property; and

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare within the City; and

WHEREAS, while all available City resources are and/or will be committed to disaster work and response to the COVID-19 situation, the extent and severity of this disaster is beyond the capability of Medina's local resources and will likely require the City to request supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute a civil emergency and necessitate the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions created by COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jessica Rossman, Mayor of the City of Medina, do hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and do further proclaim that Emergency Operations pursuant to the City of Medina Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan shall be in effect upon the execution of this proclamation, and that such circumstances and actions necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

Dated this 9th day of March 2020.

Mayor Jessica Rossman

ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott M. Missall, City Attorney

RATIFIED BY the Medina City Council in open public meeting on the 9th day of March 2020.