

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY
TOWN OF TWISP
Okanogan County, Washington

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 38.52 authorizes the Mayor to exercise emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee issued an additional Emergency Proclamation ordering that events that take place in all counties with more than 50 people are prohibited by the state. The order applies to gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational activities. These include but are not limited to: community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers and similar activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Okanogan County Public Health Department issued a memorandum supporting the Governor's Emergency proclamation #20-13 limiting food and beverage service and areas of congregation, requesting that Okanogan County agencies enter into a joint effort to ensure compliance; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of Town residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the Town and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town may require additional assistance in the future, and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the Town in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency, as defined by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Section 38.52.010; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 39.04.280(3), authorize the waiver of the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice with reference to any contract relating to the Town's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contracts in emergency situations;

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to chapter 38.52 RCW and other relevant provisions of state and federal law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY MAYOR ING-MOODY FOR THE TOWN OF TWISP:

SECTION 1

It is hereby declared under RCW 38.52.020(1)(b) that a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Twisp, as a result of the aforementioned conditions, which significantly impacts the life and health of our residents, the economy of the Town of Twisp, and is a disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

SECTION 2

I hereby direct designated Town's departments under this proclamation to take actions deemed necessary to otherwise mitigate and prevent impacts and potential impacts upon private property and publicly owned infrastructure, including any necessary actions needed to obtain emergency permitting through municipal, county, state or federal agencies.

SECTION 3

In order to prepare for, prevent and respond to this emergency, pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 39.04.280(3), the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice are hereby waived with reference to any contract relating to the Town's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contracts. Each designated department is hereby authorized to exercise the powers vested in this proclamation in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).


SECTION 4

A copy of this proclamation, the extent practicable, shall be posted at the Town's regular locations for official notices and shall be made available to members of the local news media and the general public.

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DATED this 18th Day of March 2020.

APPROVED:



Soo Ing-Moody, Mayor

ATTEST:



Randy Kilmer, Clerk/Treasurer