



Emergency Proclamation 2020-01

WHEREAS, the world is experiencing a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by a virus easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health has confirmed the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Washington State, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Washington State residents and creating an extreme public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring 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 directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declares national emergency due to the coronavirus pandemic and Governor Jay Inslee announced all public and private schools in Washington will be closed from March 17 through April 24 to help slow the spread of coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ritzville believes that the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID19 constitute a local emergency and may necessitate the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Ritzville's residents and may go beyond the capability of local resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Cook, Mayor of the City of Ritzville, do hereby proclaim:

Section 1. Local Emergency. A local emergency exists within the City of Ritzville due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).


Section 2. Authority. The Mayor or their designee(s) is authorized to utilize the emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 to preserve public health, safety and order.

Section 3. Reports to City Council. The Mayor or their designee is directed to provide regular reports regarding actions taken pursuant to the civil emergency to the Ritzville City Council, including updates at each special or regular meeting of the City Council, through the duration of this local emergency.

Section 4. Effect. This proclamation will take effect on my signature, and will remain in effect until rescinded in writing

NOW THEREFORE, I, GARY COOK, Mayor of City of Ritzville, do hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak and that Emergency Operations are in effect, and this necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Ritzville this 13th day of March, 2020



Gary Cook, Mayor