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City of Kenmore
City Council Special and Regular Meeting Agenda
6:20 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2020
Entire Meeting will be via Zoom
Log-In Information for the Meeting:

6:20 p.m. Call Meeting to Order and Recess to Executive Session:
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I. 6:20 p.m. - CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

II. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Confidential Session of the Council)
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), Property Acquisition

III. 7:00 p.m. RECONVENE BACK TO REGULAR SESSION

IV. POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. ROLL CALL

VI. FLAG SALUTE

VII. AGENDA APPROVAL

VIII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A. In Memory of George Floyd (8 minutes and 46 seconds)

IX. PRESENTATION

A. Inglemoor High School Graduating Seniors - David Baker, Mayor

X. PROCLAMATION

A. Recognize Juneteenth - Friday, June 19, 2020
Proclamation

XI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. This is an opportunity to express your views on issues that are important to you and to the community. Please email comments to the City Clerk at kchelin@kenmorewa.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020. The Mayor will read the comments into the record during the meeting. You can also use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting. The 3-minute limit still applies.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Cancel the June 15, 2020 Council Meeting

B. Resolution 20-342 Ratifying City Manager Proclamation and Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-06.2 to Extend Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Non-Profit Tenant Evictions until August 1, 2020
Agenda Item

C. Resolution 20-343 Ratifying City Manager Proclamation and Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-03.3 to Extend Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions until August 1, 2020
Agenda Item

D. Resolution 20-344 Ratifying City Manager Proclamation and Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-05.1: Temporary Suspension of City In-Person Rules and Requirements until August 1, 2020
Agenda Item

E. Ratifying City Manager Proclamation and Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-04.2 Temporary Suspension of Chapter 8.50 KMC Plastic Bag Policy until August 1, 2020
Agenda Item

XIII. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. 68th Avenue/170th Street Intersection Improvements - John Vicente, City Engineer
Agenda Item

XIV. STAFF REPORT

A. Pandemic Update - Rob Karlinsey, City Manager
Memorandum

B. Pandemic Update: Economic Indicators - Debbie Bent, Community Development Director and Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner
Agenda Item
PowerPoint Presentation
June 3 Economic Indicators Report

XV. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS & INITIATIVES

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

City of Kenmore, Washington
Proclamation

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War ended with the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865; and

WHEREAS, this news reached Texas when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Bay with Union troops. It was on June 19, 1865, that he announced: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free"; and

WHEREAS, celebration of the end of slavery, which became known as Juneteenth, is the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on a larger scale, celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim June 19 as a day to celebrate Juneteenth 2020, in the City of Kenmore.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed this June 8, 2020.

Signed: _____
David Baker, Mayor

Attested: _____
Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk

City Council Business Agenda Item
City of Kenmore, WA

Subject/Topic: AMENDED Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Non-Profit Tenant Evictions Move to: Adopt Resolution #20-342 Ratifying AMENDED Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-06.2: Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Non-Profit Tenant Evictions	For Council Meeting Agenda of: June 8, 2020 Department: City Manager's Office Prepared by: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager Initial & Date Approved by City Attorney: _____ Approved by Finance Director: _____ Approved by City Manager: KC for RK 6/4/20 Exhibits/Attachments: 1. Resolution #20- 342 2. Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-06.2: Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Non-Profit Tenant Evictions

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

On March 5, 2020, the City Manager issued the City of Kenmore Proclamation 20-01, dated March 5, 2020, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19, and also proclaimed that emergency operations under Chapter 8.30 of the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) and the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 were in effect, and the City Council ratified the same.

The City Manager also issued and executed Proclamation 20-06, which established a temporary moratorium on small business/nonprofit evictions for non-payment of rent. A temporary moratorium on small business and nonprofit tenant evictions during the COVID19 outbreak will protect public health, safety, and welfare by providing small businesses with stable locations from which to operate during and immediately after the public health emergency, thus reducing the number of small businesses declaring bankruptcy and closing during the economic downturn caused by the public health emergency.

On June 2, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.2 which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending small business and non-profit eviction prohibition until August 1, 2020.

To be consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2, the City Manager issued Proclamation 20-06.2 to extend its duration to August 1, 2020.

The City Council desires to ratify and adopt Proclamation 20-06.2 to extend said moratorium to August 1, 2020, consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2.

All other provisions of Proclamation 20-06 shall remain in full force and effect.

CITY OF KENMORE
WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 20-342

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING AND ADOPTING PROCLAMATION AND EMERGENCY RULE 20-06.2 TO EXTEND TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON SMALL BUSINESS/NONPROFIT TENANT EVICTIONS

WHEREAS, Art. XI, Sec. 11 of the Washington State Constitution grants the City broad police powers to "make and enforce within its limits all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws", including during public health emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 establishes emergency and disaster response powers, and authorizes the City to, among other things, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to KMC 8.30.060.A, the City Manager has the authority to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster"; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of such authority, on March 5, 2020, the City Manager issued the City of Kenmore Proclamation 20-01, dated March 5, 2020, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19, and also proclaimed that emergency operations under Chapter 8.30 of the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) and the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 were in effect, and the City Council ratified the same; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19, which temporarily prohibited residential evictions until April 17, 2020; and on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.1, which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending the residential eviction prohibition until June 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager issued Proclamation 20-06, which established a temporary moratorium on small business/nonprofit evictions for non-payment of rent until May 4, 2020, which was extended to June 4, 2020 under Proclamation 20-06.1; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.2 which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending residential eviction prohibition until August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to be consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2, the City Manager issued Proclamation 20-06.2 to extend its duration to August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ratify and adopt Proclamation 20-06.2 to extend said moratorium to August 1, 2020, consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2;

and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a temporary moratorium on small business and nonprofit tenant evictions during the COVID19 outbreak will protect public health, safety, and welfare by providing small businesses with stable locations from which to operate during and immediately after the public health emergency, thus reducing the number of small businesses declaring bankruptcy and closing during the economic downturn caused by the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID19 emergency and threat to health, safety and public welfare, the City Council wishes to ratify and adopt Proclamation 20-06.2, and the acts of City departments and staff that have been and will be taken in connection with such emergency rule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE

Section 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above, and as set forth in Proclamation 20-06 and 20-06.1, are hereby incorporated by reference as support for this Resolution.

Section 2. Ratification & Adoption.

A. The City Council hereby ratifies, confirms, and adopts, "Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-06.2: Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Nonprofit Tenant Evictions", as set forth in in Exhibit 1 to Proclamation 20-06.2, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

B. Any and all acts undertaken by City departments and staff consistent with Proclamation 20-06.2, are ratified and authorized until such time as such proclamation has been rescinded or otherwise terminated by the City Manager or City Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 8th DAY OF JUNE 2020.

CITY OF KENMORE

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David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Dawn Reitan, City Attorney

City of Kenmore

Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-06.2: Amending Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Non-Profit Tenant Evictions

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten the life and health of its people as well as the economy of the state, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the City Manager issued the *City of Kenmore Proclamation* 20-01, dated March 5, 2020, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19, and also proclaimed that emergency operations under Chapter 8.30 of the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) and the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 were in effect, and the City Council ratified the same; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified the global spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic, and urged all governments to take action now to stem the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor issued the "*Proclamation By The Governor Amending Proclamations 20-05, 20-06 And 20-07, 20-08,* dated March 11, 2020 (Proclamation 20-08), which found that COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, and continues to spread in the state with cases expected to double every five to seven days, without any expectation of ending soon; and

WHEREAS, Proclamation 20-08 also identified stringent social distancing as necessary to curtail and limit the opportunities for disease transmission, and prohibited: 1) private and public schools from in-person educational, recreational and other programs; and 2) gatherings of 250 people or more until April 24, 2020, unless extended beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Local Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County issued the *Local Health Officer Order,* dated March 11, 2020, which limited public events of fewer than 250 people, except under certain circumstances, with the intent to mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued *CDC's Recommendations for the next 30 days of Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties based on current situation with widespread COVID-19 transmission and affected health care facilities*, dated March 11, 2020, which recommends "extensive community mitigation activities" to slow the spread of, and minimize morbidity and mortality caused by, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and on March 29, 2020, the President extended federal social distancing guidance through the month of April, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor expanded protections against COVID-19, and ordered a temporary closure of all restaurants, bars and entertainment and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19, which temporarily prohibited residential evictions until April 17, 2020; and on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.1, which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending the residential eviction prohibition until June 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" which ordered all residents to stay home and non-essential businesses and projects to close until April 8, 2020, and then under Proclamation 20-25.1, the Governor extended the Stay-Home Stay-Safe order to May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.2 which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending residential eviction prohibition until August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has severely impacted the local economy, resulting in thousands of employees working from home, the cancellation of numerous public events, significant reductions in tourism and demand at restaurants, coffee shops, and other local businesses, increased employee lay-offs, and reduction in work-hours; and

WHEREAS, the social distancing and self-isolation mitigation measures needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 have caused numerous businesses and residents in the State and Kenmore to suffer significant financial loss, including loss of business income, layoffs and reduced hours for a significant segment of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Art. XI, Sec. 11 of the Washington State Constitution grants the City broad police powers to "make and enforce within its limits all such local police,

sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws", including during public health emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 establishes emergency and disaster response powers, and authorizes the City to, among other things, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and

WHEREAS, under the emergency powers authorized under KMC 8.30.060.A, the City Manager is empowered to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster"; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions across the nation, including the cities of Seattle, Kirkland, and Edmonds have adopted eviction prevention measures to provide small business and nonprofit organization stabilization support during this unprecedented health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager finds that establishing a temporary moratorium on small business and nonprofit tenant evictions during the COVID19 outbreak will protect public health, safety, and welfare by providing small businesses with stable locations from which to operate during and immediately after the public health emergency, thus reducing the number of small businesses declaring bankruptcy and closing during the economic downturn caused by the public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the City Manager issued Proclamation 20.06 imposing a temporary moratorium on small business/nonprofit tenant evictions due to non-payment of rent, which the City Council ratified; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager desires to extend the moratorium to August 1, 2020, to be consistent with the time period set forth in the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY PROCLAIMS, MAKES, AND ISSUES AN EMERGENCY COVID-19 RULE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above, which are incorporated herein by reference, are adopted as findings in support of the emergency rule established by this proclamation.

2. Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-06.2: Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Nonprofit Tenant Evictions: The City Manager hereby amends Proclamation 20-06, as set forth on Exhibit 1, "Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-06.2: Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Nonprofit Tenant

Evictions", attached hereto and incorporated by reference. All other provisions of Proclamation 20-06 shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Effective date & Duration. This proclamation and emergency rule shall be in full force and effect upon signature of the City Manager until 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020, unless the City Manager determines an extension is necessary for public health. The emergency rule shall be ratified by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2020.

Signed _____
Rob Karlinsey, City Manager

Attested _____
Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

Exhibit 1

Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-06.2: Temporary Moratorium on Small Business/Nonprofit Tenant Evictions

1. PURPOSE:

   A. The purpose of this Rule is to protect the health and safety of persons, provide emergency assistance to the victims of the COVID 19 emergency and establish procedures relating to mitigation of the pandemic illness and public health emergency currently taking place, which pose a continuing risk to the health and safety of staff and the community at large.

   B. The purpose of this Rule is also to provide small businesses and nonprofits stabilization support during this unprecedented health emergency. A temporary moratorium on small business and nonprofit tenant evictions during the COVID19 outbreak will protect public health, safety, and welfare by providing small businesses with stable locations from which to operate during and immediately after the public health emergency, thus reducing the number of small businesses declaring bankruptcy and closing during the economic downturn caused by the public health emergency.

2. SCOPE: The temporary moratorium imposed under this Rule applies to all tenant evictions of small businesses or nonprofits within the City's boundaries.

3. DEFINITIONS:

   A. "City" means the City of Kenmore.

   B. "Eviction" or "evictions" mean any and all acts or conduct to expel or cause a small business or nonprofit tenant to vacate property for non-payment of rent.

   C. "Moratorium" means the prohibition, delay and/or suspension of an activity.

   D. "Nonprofit" shall mean an entity that: (1) is a "not for profit corporation" or "nonprofit corporation" under RCW 24.03.005(16) or is designated a "public benefit not for profit corporation" or "public benefit nonprofit corporation" under RCW 24.03.490 or 2) holds tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3).

E. "Small business" shall have the same meaning as in RCW 19.85.020(2), which is any business entity, including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, that is owned and operated independently from all other businesses, and that has fifty or fewer employees" per establishment or premises.

4. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM IMPOSED:
   A. There is hereby adopted, ordered and imposed a temporary moratorium on all tenant evictions of small businesses or nonprofits within the City for the non-payment of rent for the time period set forth in Section 7 of this Rule.
   B. During this moratorium, a landlord or owner of property shall endeavor to enter into a payment plan, discount to rent, or other agreement to assist the distressed small business or nonprofit in rent relief, including but not limited to, the deferred payment of rent, or other strategies to address the economic disruption caused by the COVID19 emergency.
   C. No late fees, interest, or other charges due to late payment of rent shall accrue during the moratorium.
   D. For any pending eviction action for the non-payment of rent, it shall be a defense to any eviction action that the eviction of a small business or nonprofit tenant would occur during the moratorium. Given the public health emergency and public safety issues, a court may grant a continuance for future hearing date in order for the eviction action to be heard after the moratorium.

5. EXCEPTION TO MORATORIUM: The temporary moratorium imposed under Section 4 of this Rule shall not apply to small business/nonprofit tenant evictions relating to the protection of life and safety, including, but not limited to circumstances where a tenant threatens another tenant or other person(s) with a firearm or other deadly weapon, or some other unlawful use of a firearm or other deadly weapon on the property, for physically assaulting or placing another person in immediate physical danger on the property, or evictions issued for waste, nuisance or commission of a crime on the property.

6. REFERENCES:
   A. Art. XI, Sec. 11 of the Washington State Constitution
   B. Chapter 7.05 RCW – Local Health Departments
   C. Chapter 7.08 RCW – Combined City-County Health Departments
   D. Chapter 70.26 RCW – Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
   E. RCW 38.52.070 – Emergency Powers
   F. Chapter 8.30 KMC – Emergency Operations Plan
   G. City of Kenmore Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
   H. Washington Department of Health: doh.wa.gov
   I. Public Health – Seattle & King County: www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health.aspx
   J. *City of Kenmore Proclamation*, dated March 5, 2020
   K. *Proclamation By The Governor Amending Proclamations 20-05, 20-06 and 20-07 - 20-08,* dated March 11, 2020
   L. *Proclamation By The Governor 20-05 - 20-19,* dated March 18, 2020;
   M. *Proclamation by the Governor 20-05, 20-19.1*, dated April 16, 2020;
   N. *Proclamation By The Governor Amending Proclamations 20-05 - 20-25,* dated

March 23, 2020

O. *Proclamation By The Governor Amending Proclamations 20-05 and 20-25 - 20-25.1,* dated April 2, 2020

P. Public Health – Seattle & King County, *Local Health Officer Order,* dated March 11, 2020

Q. *CDC's Recommendations for the next 30 days of Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties based on current situation with widespread COVID-19 transmission and affected health care facilities*, dated March 11, 2020

7. DURATION: The temporary moratorium imposed in Section 4 of this Rule shall be in full force and effect upon signature of the City Manager, and ratification by the City Council, and shall not expire until 11:59 p.m. on August 1, ~~June 4,~~ 2020. Provided, however, the City Manager shall have the authority, in his discretion, to extend the temporary moratorium for additional time periods based on public health necessity.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2020:

Signed _____
Rob Karlinsey, City Manager

Attested _____
Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

City Council Business Agenda Item
City of Kenmore, WA

Subject/Topic: Resolution #20-343 Ratifying Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-03.3: AMENDED Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions Move to: Approve Resolution #20-343 Ratifying the Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-03.3 AMENDED Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions	For Council Meeting Agenda of: June 8, 2020 Department: City Manager's Office Prepared by: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager Initial & Date Approved by City Attorney: _____ Approved by Finance Director: _____ Approved by City Manager: KC for RK 6/4/20 Exhibits/Attachments: 1. Resolution #20-343 2. Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-03.3: AMENDED Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:
The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten the life and health of its people as well as the economy of the state, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace.

COVID-19 has severely impacted the local economy, resulting in thousands of employees working from home, the cancellation of numerous public events, significant reductions in tourism and demand at restaurants, coffee shops, and other local businesses, increased employee lay-offs, and reduction in work-hours.

The social distancing and self-isolation mitigation measure needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 will likely result in continued reductions in employment and household income, thereby leaving large numbers of residential tenants unable to pay rent and increasing the risk of eviction.

The economic impacts of COVID-19 have increased the risk of residential tenant evictions due to loss of income and/or employment, however, residential evictions would dramatically undermine the containment and mitigation measures needed to slow the transmission of COVID-19.

Residential tenant evictions would negate the ability of tenants to self-isolate, would increase their risk of contracting and/or spreading COVID-19, and would put them, and high-risk individuals (older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions), at greater risk from COVID-19.

The City Manager finds that ability to self-isolate at home during this COVID-19 emergency is critical to containing, mitigating and slowing the transmission of COVID-19, and that residential tenant evictions severely undermine state and local emergency COVID-19 response efforts.

On June 2, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.2 which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending residential eviction prohibition until August 1, 2020.

To be consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2, the City Manager amended Proclamation 20-03 to extend its duration to August 1, 2020.

The City Council desires to ratify and adopt Proclamation 20-03.3 to extend said moratorium to August 1, 2020, consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2.

All other provisions of Proclamation 20-03 shall remain in full force and effect.

CITY OF KENMORE
WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 20-343

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING AND ADOPTING PROCLAMATION AND EMERGENCY RULE 20-03.3 TO EXTEND TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL TENANT EVICTIONS

WHEREAS, Art. XI, Sec. 11 of the Washington State Constitution grants the City broad police powers to "make and enforce within its limits all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws", including during public health emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 establishes emergency and disaster response powers, and authorizes the City to, among other things, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to KMC 8.30.060.A, the City Manager has the authority to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster"; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of such authority, on March 5, 2020, the City Manager issued the City of Kenmore Proclamation 20-01, dated March 5, 2020, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19, and also proclaimed that emergency operations under Chapter 8.30 of the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) and the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 were in effect, and the City Council ratified the same; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of such authority, the City Manager also issued and executed Proclamation 20-03, which established a temporary moratorium on residential tenant evictions, and Proclamation 20-03.1, which clarified the proclamation and extended the moratorium to May 4, 2020, and Proclamation 20-03.2, which extended the moratorium to June 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19, which temporarily prohibited residential evictions until April 17, 2020; and on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.1, which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending the residential eviction prohibition until June 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager issued Proclamation 20-03, which established a temporary moratorium on residential tenant evictions, and the moratorium was extended to May 4, 2020, under Proclamation 20-03.1, and further extended to June 4, 2020 under Proclamation 20-03.2; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.2 which amended

Proclamation 20-19 by extending residential eviction prohibition until August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to be consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2, the City Manager amended Proclamation 20-03 to extend its duration to August 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ratify and adopt Proclamation 20-03.3 to extend said moratorium to August 1, 2020, consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.1; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that ability to self-isolate at home during this COVID-19 emergency is critical to containing, mitigating and slowing the transmission of COVID-19, and that residential tenant evictions severely undermine state and local emergency COVID-19 response efforts; and

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID19 emergency and threat to health, safety and public welfare, the City Council wishes to ratify and adopt Proclamation 20-03.3, and the acts of City departments and staff that have been and will be taken in connection with such emergency rule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE

Section 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above, and as set forth in Proclamation 20-03, 20-03.1, and 20-03.2, are hereby incorporated by reference as support for this Resolution.

Section 2. Ratification & Adoption.

A. The City Council hereby ratifies, confirms, and adopts Proclamation 20-03.3, "Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-03.3: Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions", attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

B. Any and all acts undertaken by City departments and staff consistent with Proclamation 20-03.3 are ratified and authorized until such time as such proclamation has been rescinded or otherwise terminated by the City Manager or City Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 8th DAY OF JUNE 2020.

CITY OF KENMORE

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David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Dawn Reitan, City Attorney

City of Kenmore

Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-03.3: Amending Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten the life and health of its people as well as the economy of the state, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the City Manager issued the *City of Kenmore Proclamation*, dated March 5, 2020, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19, and also proclaimed that emergency operations under Chapter 8.30 of the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) and the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 were in effect, and the City Council ratified the same; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified the global spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic, and urged all governments to take action now to stem the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor issued the "*Proclamation By The Governor Amending Proclamations 20-05, 20-06 And 20-07, 20-08,* dated March 11, 2020 (Proclamation 20-08), which found that COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, and continues to spread in the state with cases expected to double every five to seven days, without any expectation of ending soon; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proclamation 20-08 also identified stringent social distancing as necessary to curtail and limit the opportunities for disease transmission, and prohibited: 1) private and public schools from in-person educational, recreational and other programs; and 2) gatherings of 250 people or more until April 24, 2020, unless extended beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Local Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County issued the *Local Health Officer Order,* dated March 11, 2020, which limited public events of fewer than 250 people, except under certain circumstances, with the intent to mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued *CDC's Recommendations for the next 30 days of Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties based on current situation with widespread COVID-19 transmission and affected health care facilities*, dated March 11, 2020, which recommends "extensive community mitigation activities" to slow the spread of, and minimize morbidity and mortality caused by, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, the Governor expanded protections against COVID-19, and ordered a temporary closure of all restaurants, bars and entertainment and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19, which temporarily prohibited residential evictions until April 17, 2020; and on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.1, which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending the residential eviction prohibition until June 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" which require all non-essential workers to stay home until April 8, 2020, which the Governor extended to 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 2020 under Proclamation 20-25.1; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local proclamations, recommendations and orders have the intended purpose of containing, mitigating and slowing the transmission of COVID-19, and include, among other things, social distancing measures, such as, limiting public events and recommending that individuals stay at home to reduce exposure to and transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has severely impacted the local economy, resulting in thousands of employees working from home, the cancellation of numerous public events, significant reductions in tourism and demand at restaurants, coffee shops, and other local businesses, increased employee lay-offs, and reduction in work-hours; and

WHEREAS, the social distancing and self-isolation mitigation measure needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 will likely result in continued reductions in employment and household income, thereby leaving large numbers of residential tenants unable to pay rent and increasing the risk of eviction; and

WHEREAS, the Rental Housing Association of Washington posted an announcement acknowledging that King County is experiencing the highest rate of COVID-19 illness in the country, and stating that the rental housing industry recommends a 30-day hold on writs of restitution for King County, which would

prevent physical evictions of local citizens during the emergency period; and

WHEREAS, the economic impacts of COVID-19 have increased the risk of residential tenant evictions due to loss of income and/or employment, however, residential evictions would dramatically undermine the containment and mitigation measures needed to slow the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, residential tenant evictions would negate the ability of tenants to self-isolate, would increase their risk of contracting and/or spreading COVID-19, and would put them, and high-risk individuals (older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions), at greater risk from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager finds that ability to self-isolate at home during this COVID-19 emergency is critical to containing, mitigating and slowing the transmission of COVID-19, and that residential tenant evictions severely undermine state and local emergency COVID-19 response efforts; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 establishes emergency and disaster response powers, and authorizes the City to, among other things, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and

WHEREAS, under the emergency powers authorized under KMC 8.30.060.A, the City Manager is empowered to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster"; and

WHEREAS, Art. XI, Sec. 11 of the Washington State Constitution gives the City broad police powers to "make and enforce within its limits all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws"; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager issued Proclamation 20-03, which established a temporary moratorium on residential tenant evictions, and the moratorium was extended to May 4, 2020, under Proclamation 20-03.1, and further extended to June 4, 2020 under Proclamation 20-03.2; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.2 which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending residential eviction prohibition until August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to be consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2, the City Manager desires to amend Proclamation 20-03 to extend its duration to August 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY PROCLAIMS, MAKES, AND ISSUES AN

EMERGENCY COVID-19 RULE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above, which are incorporated herein by reference, are adopted as findings in support of the emergency rule established by this proclamation.

2. Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-03 Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions: The City Manager hereby amends Emergency Rule 20-03, as amended by Emergency Rule 20.03.1 and 20-03.2, as set forth on Exhibit 1, "Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-03.3: Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions", attached hereto and incorporated by reference. All other provisions of Proclamation 20-03 and 20-03.1 shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Effective date & Duration. This proclamation and emergency rule shall be in full force and effect upon signature of the City Manager until 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020, unless the City Manager determines an extension is necessary for public health. The emergency rule shall be ratified by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2020.

Signed _____
Rob Karlinsey, City Manager

Attested _____
Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

Exhibit 1

Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-03.3: Temporary Moratorium on Residential Tenant Evictions

1. PURPOSE:

   A. The purpose of this Rule is to protect the health and safety of persons, provide emergency assistance to the victims of the COVID 19 emergency and establish procedures relating to mitigation of the pandemic illness and public health emergency currently taking place, which pose a continuing risk to the health and safety of staff and the community at large.

   B. The purpose of this Rule is also to implement a containment and mitigation tool for the protection of the Kenmore community, by imposing a temporary moratorium on residential tenant evictions, and therefore reducing exposure to and transmission of COVID-19.

2. SCOPE: The temporary moratorium imposed under this Rule applies to all tenant evictions from residential dwelling units within the City's boundaries.

3. DEFINITIONS:

   A. "City" means the City of Kenmore.

   B. "Eviction" or "evictions" mean any and all acts or conduct taken by a landlord or owner to expel or cause a tenant to vacate a residential dwelling unit within the City.

   C. "Landlord" means the owner, lessor, or sub-lessor of a residential dwelling unit or property of which it is a part, and in addition means any person designated as representative of the owner, lessor, or sub-lessor, but not limited to an agent, a resident manager, or designated property manager.

   D. "Moratorium" means the prohibition, delay and/or suspension of an activity.

   E. "Owner" means one or more persons, jointly or severally, in whom is vested: a) all or any part of the legal title to property containing a residential dwelling unit; or b) all or part of the beneficial ownership, and a right to present use and enjoyment of the property containing a residential dwelling unit.

F. "Rental Agreement" means all agreements which establish or modify terms, conditions, rules, regulations, or any other provisions concerning the use and occupancy of a residential dwelling unit.

G. "Rental Premises" means a residential dwelling unit, appurtenances thereto, grounds, and facilities held out for the use of tenants generally and any other area or facility which is held out for use by the tenant.

H. "Residential Dwelling Unit" means a residential structure or that part of a residential structure which is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person or by two or more persons maintaining a common household, including, but not limited to, single-family residences and units of multiplexes, apartment buildings, and mobile homes.

I. "Tenant" means any person who is entitled to occupy a residential dwelling unit primarily for living and dwelling purposes under a rental agreement.

4. REFERENCES:
   A. Art. XI, Sec. 11 of the Washington State Constitution
   B. Chapter 7.05 RCW – Local Health Departments
   C. Chapter 7.08 RCW – Combined City-County Health Departments
   D. Chapter 70.26 RCW – Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
   E. RCW 38.52.070 – Emergency Powers
   F. Chapter 8.30 KMC – Emergency Operations Plan
   G. City of Kenmore Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
   H. Washington Department of Health: doh.wa.gov
   I. Public Health – Seattle & King County: www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health.aspx
   J. *City of Kenmore Proclamation*, dated March 5, 2020
   K. *Proclamation By The Governor Amending Proclamations 20-05, 20-06 And 20-07, 20-08,* dated March 11, 2020
   L. *Proclamation By The Governor 20-05 - 20-19,* dated March 18, 2020;
   M. *Proclamation by the Governor 20-05, 20-19.1*, dated April 16, 2020
   N. Public Health – Seattle & King County, *Local Health Officer Order,* dated March 11, 2020
   O. *CDC's Recommendations for the next 30 days of Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties based on current situation with widespread COVID-19 transmission and affected health care facilities*, dated March 11, 2020

5. EMERGENCY RULE - TEMPORARY MORATORIUM IMPOSED:
   A. There is hereby adopted and imposed a temporary moratorium on all tenant evictions of residential dwelling units within the City by landlords and/or owners of said residential dwelling units for the time period set forth in Section 7 of this Rule.
   B. A landlord or owner of a residential housing unit shall not issue a notice of termination or initiate an eviction action or otherwise act to evict a tenant during this temporary moratorium. Further, no late fees or other charges due to late payment of rent shall accrue during the moratorium.
   C. For any pending residential tenant eviction, it shall be a defense that the eviction of the tenant would occur during the moratorium. Given the public health

emergency and public safety issues, a court may grant a continuance for future hearing date in order for the eviction action to be heard after the moratorium.

6. EXCEPTION TO MORATORIUM: The temporary moratorium imposed under Section 5 of this Rule shall not apply to evictions relating to the protection of life and safety, including, but not limited to circumstances where a tenant threatens another tenant or other person(s) with a firearm or other deadly weapon, or some other unlawful use of a firearm or other deadly weapon on the rental premises, for physically assaulting or placing another person in immediate physical danger on the rental premises; or evictions issued for waste, nuisance or commission of a crime on the rental premises.

7. DURATION: The temporary moratorium imposed in Section 5 of this Rule shall be in full force and effect upon signature of the City Manager, and ratification by the City Council, and shall not expire until 11:59 p.m. on August 1~~June 4~~, 2020. Provided, however, the City Manager shall have the authority, in his discretion, to extend the temporary moratorium for additional time periods based on public health necessity.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2020:

Signed _____
Rob Karlinsey, City Manager

Attested _____
Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

City Council Business Agenda Item
City of Kenmore, WA

Subject/Topic: AMENDED Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule: Temporary Suspension of City In-Person Rules and Requirements Move to: Adopt Resolution #20-344 Ratifying AMENDED Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-05.1: Temporary Suspension of City In-Person Rules and Requirements	For Council Meeting Agenda of: June 8, 2020 Department: City Manager's Office Prepared by: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager Initial & Date Approved by City Attorney: _____ Approved by Finance Director: _____ Approved by City Manager: KC for RK 6/4/20 Exhibits/Attachments: 1. Resolution #20-344 2. Amended Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-05.1: Temporary Suspension of City In-Person Rules and Requirements

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 pandemic continues, and physical distancing continues to be necessary to help slow the spread of the virus. In keeping with federal, state, and county direction, public meetings, including City Council meetings, cannot be in-person, but must be held "virtually" either online or by telephone.

On June 3, 2020, the City Manager issued and executed Proclamation 20-05.1, which extended said proclamation to August 1, 2020, to be consistent with the Governor's extension of Proclamation 20-19.2.

The City Council finds that in order to provide greater protection to the public and City staff, that all City rules, regulations, and policies that require "in-person" attendance or submittals should be temporarily suspended, and that the emergency rule is intended to contain, mitigate and reduce the exposure and transmission of COVID-19 in the Kenmore community and public at large.

In light of the COVID19 emergency and threat to health, safety and public welfare, the City Council wishes to extend Proclamation 20-05 by ratifying and adopting Proclamation 20-05.1, and the acts of City departments and staff that have been and will be taken in connection with such emergency rule.

The attached resolution ratifies and approves Proclamation 20-05, and ratifies prior acts undertaken to avoid "in-person" contact during the COVID-19 emergency.

CITY OF KENMORE
WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 20-344

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING CITY MANAGER PROCLAMATION AND ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY RULE 20-05.1: TEMPORARY SUPSENSION OF CITY IN-PERSON RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, Art. XI, Sec. 11 of the Washington State Constitution grants the City broad police powers to "make and enforce within its limits all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws", including during public health emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 establishes emergency and disaster response powers, and authorizes the City to, among other things, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to KMC 8.30.060.A, the City Manager has the authority to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster"; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of such authority, on March 5, 2020, the City Manager issued the City of Kenmore Proclamation 20-01, dated March 5, 2020, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19, and also proclaimed that emergency operations under Chapter 8.30 of the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) and the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 were in effect, and the City Council ratified the same; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of such authority, the City Manager also issued and executed Proclamation 20-05, which suspended City "in-person" rules, requirements and procedures during this emergency; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the City Manager issued and executed Proclamation 20-05.1, which extended said proclamation to August 1, 2020, to be consistent with the Governor's extension of Proclamation 20-19.2; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that in order to provide greater protection to the public and City staff, that all City rules, regulations, and policies that require "in-person" attendance or submittals should be temporarily suspended, and that the emergency rule is intended to contain, mitigate and reduce the exposure and transmission of COVID-19 in the Kenmore community and public at large; and

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID19 emergency and threat to health, safety and public welfare, the City Council wishes to extend Proclamation 20-05 by ratifying and adopting Proclamation 20-05.1, and the acts of City departments and staff that

have been and will be taken in connection with such emergency rule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE:

Section 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above, and as set forth in Proclamations 20-05 and 20-05.1, are hereby incorporated by reference as support for this Resolution.

Section 2. Ratification & Adoption.

A. The City Council hereby ratifies "COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-05.1: Suspension of In-Person Rules, Regulations and Policies", as set forth in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

B. Any and all acts of City departments and staff that have been and will be taken in connection with Proclamation 20-05.1 are ratified and authorized until such time as such proclamation has been rescinded or otherwise terminated by the City Manager or City Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 9th DAY OF JUNE 2020.

CITY OF KENMORE

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David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Dawn Reitan, City Attorney

City of Kenmore

Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-05.1: Amendment: Temporary Suspension of City In-Person Rules and Requirements

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten the life and health of its people as well as the economy of the state, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the City Manager issued the *City of Kenmore Proclamation*, dated March 5, 2020, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19, and also proclaimed that emergency operations under Chapter 8.30 of the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) and the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 were in effect, and the City Council ratified the same; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified the global spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic, and urged all governments to take action now to stem the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor issued the "*Proclamation By The Governor Amending Proclamations 20-05, 20-06 And 20-07, 20-08,* dated March 11, 2020 (Proclamation 20-08), which found that COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, and continues to spread in the state with cases expected to double every five to seven days, without any expectation of ending soon; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proclamation 20-08 also identified stringent social distancing as necessary to curtail and limit the opportunities for disease transmission, and prohibited: 1) private and public schools from in-person educational, recreational and other programs; and 2) gatherings of 250 people or more until April 24, 2020, unless extended beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Local Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County issued the *Local Health Officer Order,* dated March 11, 2020, which limited public events of fewer than 250 people, except under certain circumstances, with the intent to mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued *CDC's Recommendations for the next 30 days of Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties based on current situation with widespread COVID-19 transmission and affected health care facilities*, dated March 11, 2020, which recommends "extensive community mitigation activities" to slow the spread of, and minimize morbidity and mortality caused by, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and on March 29, 2020, the President extended federal social distancing guidance through the month of April, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19, which temporarily prohibited residential evictions until April 17, 2020; and on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.1, which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending the residential eviction prohibition until June 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" which ordered all residents to stay home and non-essential businesses and projects to close until April 8, 2020, and then under Proclamation 20-25.1, the Governor extended the Stay-Home Stay-Safe order to May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28, which waived and suspended until midnight on April 23, 2020, certain portions of the Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act that required in-person settings or activities, which is anticipated to be extended to be consistent with Proclamation 20-25.1; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.2 which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending residential eviction prohibition until August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local proclamations, recommendations and orders have the intended purpose of containing, mitigating and slowing the transmission of COVID-19, and include, among other things, social distancing measures, such as, limiting public events and recommending that individuals stay at home to reduce exposure to and transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 establishes emergency and disaster response powers, and authorizes the City to, among other things, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and

WHEREAS, under the emergency powers authorized under KMC 8.30.060.A, the

City Manager is empowered to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster"; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager finds that in order to provide greater protection to the public and City staff, that all City rules, regulations, and policies that require "in-person" attendance or submittals should be temporarily suspended; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager also finds that suspending said rules, regulations and policies is reasonably related to the protection of life, health and property, and is intended to contain, mitigate and reduce the exposure and transmission of COVID-19 in the Kenmore community and public at large;

WHEREAS, the City Manager issued Proclamation 20.05 imposing a temporary suspension of in-person rules, which the City Council ratified; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager desires to extend Proclamation 20.05 to August 1, 2020, to be consistent with the time period set forth in the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY PROCLAIMS, MAKES, AND ISSUES AN EMERGENCY COVID-19 RULE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above, which are incorporated herein by reference, are adopted as findings in support of the emergency rule established by this proclamation.

2. Amendment. The City Manager amends Section 4 of the "Covid-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule: Suspension of In-Person Rules, Regulations & Policies" as follows:

   > 4. Effective date. This proclamation and emergency rule shall be in full force and effect upon signature of the City Manager until 11:59 p.m. on August 1~~May 4~~, 2020, unless the City Manager determines an extension is necessary for public health. The emergency rule shall be ratified by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

   All other provisions of Proclamation 20-05 shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Effective date. This proclamation and emergency rule shall be in full force and effect upon signature of the City Manager until 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020, unless the City Manager determines an extension is necessary for public health. The emergency rule shall be ratified by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

Dated this 3 day of June, 2020.

Signed _____
Rob Karlinsey, City Manager

Attested _____
Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

City Council Business Agenda Item
City of Kenmore, WA

Subject/Topic: Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-04.2: AMENDED: Temporary Suspension of Chapter 8.50 KMC Plastic Bag Policy Move to: Ratify the Amended Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-04.2 Temporary Suspension of Chapter 8.50 KMC Plastic Bag Policy	For Council Meeting Agenda of: June 8, 2020 Department: City Manager's Office Prepared by: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager Initial & Date Approved by City Attorney: _____ Approved by Finance Director: _____ Approved by City Manager: KC for RK 6/4/20 Exhibits/Attachments: 1. Amended Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-04.2: Temporary Suspension of Chapter 8.50 KMC Plastic Bag Policy

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten the life and health of its people as well as the economy of the state, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace.

To mitigate and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 when buying groceries or other necessary items, it is vital to allow retail establishments to provide paper or plastic bags to customers, and to limit the use of reusable bags from homes, which could increase risk of transmission.

RCW 38.52.070 establishes emergency and disaster response powers, and authorizes the City to, among other things, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster.

Under the emergency powers authorized under KMC 8.30.060.A, the City Manager is empowered to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster".

To be consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2, the City Manager desires to amend Proclamation 20-04 to extend its duration to August 1, 2020.

City of Kenmore

Proclamation & Issuance of Emergency Rule 20-04.2: AMENDED: Temporary Suspension of Chapter 8.50 KMC Plastic Bag Policy

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten the life and health of its people as well as the economy of the state, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the City Manager issued the *City of Kenmore Proclamation*, dated March 5, 2020, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19, and also proclaimed that emergency operations under Chapter 8.30 of the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) and the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 were in effect, and the City Council ratified the same; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified the global spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic, and urged all governments to take action now to stem the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor issued the "*Proclamation By The Governor Amending Proclamations 20-05, 20-06 And 20-07, 20-08,* dated March 11, 2020 (Proclamation 20-08), which found that COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, and continues to spread in the state with cases expected to double every five to seven days, without any expectation of ending soon; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proclamation 20-08 also identified stringent social distancing as necessary to curtail and limit the opportunities for disease transmission, and prohibited: 1) private and public schools from in-person educational, recreational and other programs; and 2) gatherings of 250 people or more until April 24, 2020, unless extended beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Local Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County issued the *Local Health Officer Order,* dated March 11, 2020, which limited public events of fewer than 250 people, except under certain circumstances, with the intent to mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued *CDC's Recommendations for the next 30 days of Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties based on current situation with widespread COVID-19 transmission and affected health care facilities*, dated March 11, 2020, which recommends "extensive community mitigation activities" to slow the spread of, and minimize morbidity and mortality caused by, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and on March 29, 2020, the President extended federal social distancing guidance through the month of April, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, the Governor expanded protections against COVID-19, and ordered a temporary closure of all restaurants, bars and entertainment and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19, which temporarily prohibited residential evictions until April 17, 2020; and on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.1, which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending the residential eviction prohibition until June 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" which ordered all residents to stay home and non-essential businesses and projects to close until April 8, 2020, and then under Proclamation 20-25.1, the Governor extended the Stay-Home Stay-Safe order to May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28, which waived and suspended until midnight on April 23, 2020, certain portions of the Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act that required in-person settings or activities, which is anticipated to be extended to be consistent with Proclamation 20-25.1; and

WHEREAS, to mitigate and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 when buying groceries or other necessary items, it is vital to allow retail establishments to provide paper or plastic bags to customers, and to limit the use of reusable bags from homes, which could increase risk of transmission; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 establishes emergency and disaster response powers, and authorizes the City to, among other things, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and

WHEREAS, under the emergency powers authorized under KMC 8.30.060.A, the City Manager is empowered to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters

reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster"; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the City Manager issued Proclamation 20-04 Temporary Suspension of Chapter 8.50 KMC Plastic Bag Policy (Proclamation 20-04) to provide greater protection to workers in food and retail industries that provide essential services to the public, by temporarily suspending the regulations adopted under Chapter 8.50 NMC, "Plastic Bag Policy"; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-19.2 which amended Proclamation 20-19 by extending residential eviction prohibition until August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to be consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-19.2, the City Manager desires to amend Proclamation 20-04 to extend its duration to August 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY PROCLAIMS, MAKES, AND ISSUES AN EMERGENCY COVID-19 RULE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above, which are incorporated herein by reference, are adopted as findings in support of the emergency rule established by this proclamation.

2. Amendment - COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Rule 20-04: Suspension of KMC, Plastic Bag Policy: The City Manager hereby amends Section 3, "Effective Date" of Emergency Rule No.20-04, as amended by Emergency Rule 20-04.1, to read as follows:

    3. Effective date & Duration. This proclamation and emergency rule shall be in full force and effect upon signature of the City Manager, and shall expire ~~–~~at 11:59 p.m. on August 1~~May 4~~, 2020, unless the City Manager determines an extension is necessary for public health. The emergency rule shall be ratified by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

All other provisions of Proclamation 20-04 shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated this 3 day of June, 2020.

Signed _____
Rob Karlinsey, City Manager

Attested
Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

City Of Kenmore, Washington

Memorandum

Date: 06/08/2020

To: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager

From: John Vicente, City Engineer

Regarding: New Ped/Bike Boulevard and Right Turn Pocket Removal at Southbound 68th and Inglewood Rd

On February 24, 2014, the City Council approved the Sammamish River Southbound Bridge replacement option that provided for a new separated and protected 16-foot multiuse path or what the city manager calls a "ped/bike boulevard" for pedestrians and bicyclists across the river and extending to the NE 170th and NE 175th Street intersections. Design started in June of 2015, and the southbound right-turn pocket at 68th and Inglewood Rd (NE 170th St) was removed during the design phase and presented with the rest of the project improvements to the public at open houses on January 26, 2017, July 20, 2017 and January 29, 2020. The public was notified of the open houses in several ways:

- Notices were sent to all addresses within the City of Kenmore
- Notice of the upcoming open house was featured in the Bothell/Kenmore Reporter (January 2017 only)
- Notices were posted on the City's website.
- Notices were sent via email to all folks that were listed on the City's listserve
- Notice of the upcoming open house was presented in the City's E-Newsletter (January 2017 only).

The 170th Street/68th Avenue intersection design that was shown to the public in 2017 is included as attachment A to this memo. Attachment B is the updated design shown to the public in January 2020.

The decision to remove the right turn pocket was based upon creating space for the new ped/bike boulevard on the new bridge that will extend south to 170th Street and north to 175th Street, as well as several factors, many of which were to support multimodal use and provide an increase in safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Here is a breakdown on our decision-making process to remove the right turn pocket.

1. Having the right turn pocket requires a longer crossing distance for 68th Ave. The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and FHWA recommend having shorter crossing distances to improve safety for pedestrians.

To promote Target Zero, it is recommended by the City Engineer that a right turn pocket be the last option for intersection efficiency.

2. Data collected on the intersection in 2013 resulted in a level of service (LOS) for this intersection to be operating at a LOS "C". Per the data, 38 peak hour (i.e. rush hour, 4-6 pm on weekdays) trips were recorded (approximately 445 vehicles per day) using that right turn pocket, which was about five vehicles in length. Data collected up to last October 2019 on 68th/Juanita Dr. actually indicate a reduction in traffic volumes from the data we used from 2013. With the relatively small number of right turn movements and the overall reduction in intersection volumes from our most recent study data, we anticipate that the level of service for this intersection will remain about the same (LOS C). Per our City code a minimum level of service "E" is required for intersections of this type. Much like school grades, level of service is given ratings of "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", and "F," and intersection efficiency decreases as you go from "A" to "E". While we will see some increase in delay in movement through the intersection, we will still be within the City requirements (above LOS E) for this intersection.
3. In September of 2016, City Council approved the Complete Streets ordinance. This ordinance puts an emphasis on multimodal transportation and a reduction in fatal crashes. This was created in response to and is linked to the City's Target Zero Initiative which has the goal of achieving zero pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries. Providing a safe and separated area for bicyclists and pedestrians directly meets with both of these directives. Limited available right of way required us to choose between the separated, two-way bike path and the right turn pocket. For 2-way bike paths, a minimum of 8 feet is needed. 241 bicyclists were reported in a 12-hr period during design.
4. With limited available right-of-way, if we kept the right turn pocket, we had three options:
    a. Eliminate the bike lane and push bicyclists into the travel lane and/or sidewalk
    b. Purchase one of the Inglewood Condo structures to provide the necessary room for a turn pocket
    c. Push the lanes east and impact park space, trees, drainage, and other private property (Reducing the sidewalk on the east side to 8 ft wide with no planting strip would reduce impacts but not eliminate them).

    Removing the bike path and pushing bicyclists into the travel lane was not keeping in line with the City's adopted Complete Streets ordinance and Target zero, and pushing bicyclists to the sidewalk would increase discomfort and create conflicts with pedestrians. Given the high cost and significant impact to the residents of Inglewood Condos, the option to purchase the structure adjacent to 68th Avenue was not acceptable. Significant park and private property impacts along with required sidewalk construction on the east side of 68th made option "c" undesirable.

The above reasonings resulted in our decision to remove the right turn pocket. With removing the right turn pocket, we will see the following benefits:

1. Continuous sidewalk from NE 175th to NE 170th/Inglewood Dr. This new sidewalk will connect to the existing sidewalk at NE 175th and will connect (via crosswalk) to the new sidewalks proposed for the Juanita Dr Ped/Bike Project (Part of Walkways and Waterways). This will allow a comfortable place for pedestrians to walk and gather. We are building an overlook on the bridge which will provide a nice gathering space for pedestrians as well as vantage points all along the bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy. The wider sidewalk allows for more pedestrian gatherings and use of the area and becomes more like a promenade encouraging folks to stay and enjoy the river views.
2. Continuous 2-way separated bike path from NE 175th St to NE 170th St/Inglewood Dr. The separated bike path will extend from the bridge to the Inglewood/170th intersection and will connect to the new bike lanes that will be constructed along Juanita Dr. Juanita Drive is adding bike lanes on both sides of Juanita from NE 170th St to NE 143rd St. The bike path that ends at NE 170th will connect to the SB bike lane on the west side of Juanita while a bike signal will be added for NB bikers to access the bike path on the west side of 68th. Once construction is complete, bicyclists and pedestrians on Juanita/68th will not need to share the road with cars from NE 143rd St to NE 175th St. Once bicyclists reach 175th, they will either need to share the road or use existing sidewalk to access the Burke Gilman Trail and other destinations within the area. As a side note, Juanita Dr/68th Ave is part of the Lake Washington Road Bike Loop.
3. A reduction in the crossing distance on 68th. Reducing the crossing distance improves safety for pedestrians as they have a shorter distance to clear the street. This also has the benefit of reducing the amount of time needed for a green light going east/west. This will allow us to have more time for the North/south direction which will help offset the intersection impacts caused by removing the right turn pocket.
4. A wide 6-foot landscape strip allows us to plant bigger trees, provide a comfort buffer for bicyclists, and allows a place to put street lighting so they do not have to be placed in the sidewalk/bike path and conflict with bicyclists or pedestrians. Adding landscaping helps with the environment by reduction heat absorption and cleans the air, provides an aesthetic quality, and keeps in line with the City's interest to increase its tree canopy.

Alternative

The City Council may choose to explore restoring the southbound right turn pocket into Inglewood. To do so, the landscape strip and the protected bicycle path would most likely need to stop where the right turn lane starts, plus a transition length. Doing so would require the northbound bicycle traffic to share the remaining sidewalk with two-way pedestrian traffic for the length of the right turn pocket. Southbound bicycles would go down a ramp into the right turn pocket and share it with motorists. The City Council can direct staff to look into feasibility and costs, including redesign costs, of this alternative.

The bridge contractor is not expected to begin construction on the 68th Avenue/170th Street intersection improvements until October of this year, so there might be some time available for re-design and obtaining a change order proposal from the contractor. Please note however, that this alternative may not be as simple as it may seem. Utilities (both above and below ground), signal pole(s), street lighting, landscaping and irrigation would need to be relocated and redesigned, as well as the curb radius and other possible ripple effects.

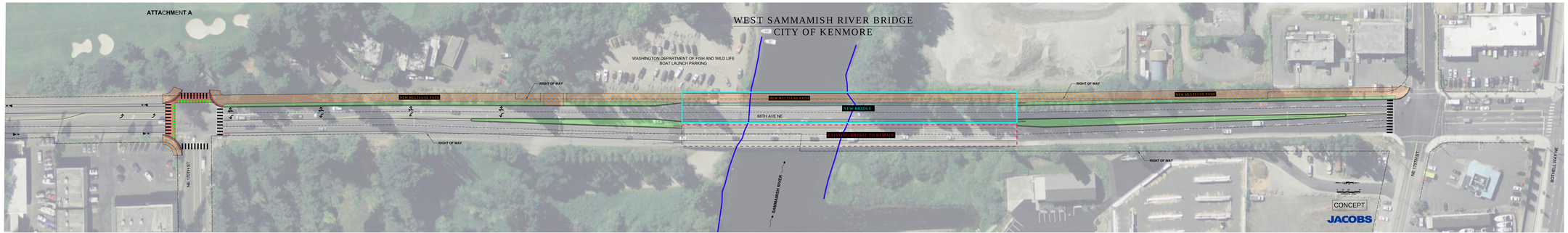
Such an alternative might look something like the picture below, although the actual lane width of the combined bike lane/right turn pocket would be more narrow, and there would probably be no landscape strip between the sidewalk and the right turn pocket lane. Please note, however, that this configuration was studied by the City of Eugene and the study recommended this configuration for roadways of 30 mph or less and traffic volumes of less than 10,000 vehicles per day. 68th Avenue handles more than 20,000 cars per day and its speed limit is 35 mph.

Staff Recommendation

Because we will be advancing the City's Target Zero goal by gaining a separated and protected pedestrian and bicycle boulevard that will increase safety and comfort for cyclists and pedestrians, and for all of the other reasons outlined in this memo, staff recommends moving forward with the current design.

ATTACHMENT A

WEST SAMMAMISH RIVER BRIDGE
CITY OF KENMORE



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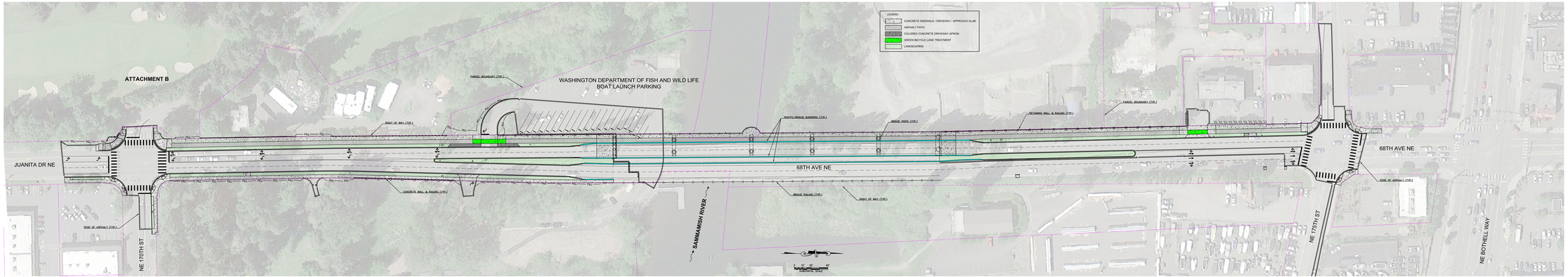

City of Kenmore, Washington

Date: June 5, 2020

To: Kenmore City Council
From: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager

Re: Pandemic Update - City Operations and Phased Reopening

As of this writing, we are still in Phase I of the Governor's Safe Start Washington phased reopening of businesses and services. In Phase I, City Hall, the Senior Center, and the public portion of the Hangar continue to be closed to the public. Park amenities, including sport courts, play structures, and restrooms remain closed.

City Operations – Future Phases of Reopening

With Phase II of the Safe Start Washington reopening hopefully around the corner, we are gearing up to open a few public facilities, including parks restrooms, the public portion of the Hangar (limited capacity), and answering the City Hall main phone line for limited hours.

The attached chart shows the planned openings of the City's public parks and facilities for the four phases of the Safe Start Washington reopening plan. City office employees will be encouraged to work from home as much as possible through Phase III (Phase IV is to-be-determined). Field employees, including maintenance workers, inspectors, surface water technicians, and capital project employees are cleared for field work here in phase one, with restrictions and precautions.

Many city services have continued to be provided throughout this pandemic, including public records requests, permit processing, clean water compliance and monitoring, building inspections, capital projects management, and much more. A big thank you to my coworkers for their innovative spirits and commitment to serving the public through all of this.

Open Public Meetings Act – Online City Council Meetings

It appears that the limit on what matters the City Council can discuss during public online video meetings has been lifted through June 17th (see the Governor's Proclamation 10-28.4, dated May 29, 2020). Assuming this change goes beyond June 17th, we will be bringing previously paused items forward for Council discussion in the coming weeks, including proposed changes to the policy on accessary dwelling units.

City Events

City events are still cancelled for the remainder of the year; however, we are holding out hope for one live, in-person concert at St. Edward State Park in August, *if* we're to Phase IV by then. Also, we are planning several events that can happen virtually or with physical distancing, including a neighborhood chalk art contest, photo scavenger hunt, and a virtual concert. We are also crossing our fingers for a "Fly Away 5k" coordinated by Chamber, on September 12th.

Corona Virus Relief Fund

The City will be able to seek reimbursement for up to $699,000 from the Corona Virus Relief Fund under the federal CARES Act. Reimbursement can only be used for Covid-19 related expenses, using criteria established by the Washington State Department of Commerce. At the June 22 City Council meeting, we will be presenting a reimbursement plan for these funds.

City Finances

We are seeing declines in city revenues as we predicted and discussed with you in April. These declines are within the ranges we had anticipated. As a result, we are staying on course with our two part plan: 1) Cut $1 million in discretionary expenditures from the budget for the remainder of 2020, and 2) Stay in a holding pattern until we have several months of revenue data and make additional decisions at that point.

Looking Ahead

We still have a long way to go with this pandemic—only a fraction of the population has been infected, and we are still many months away from having a vaccine. But I believe we can gradually get things reopened again with good tools and rules of engagement in place (PPE, physical distancing, occupancy limitations, etc.).

Also, the City team continues to be hopeful, optimistic, and passionate about continuing to provide many city services during the pandemic. Their positive attitudes and culture of innovation has made it possible to serve the public despite the limitations.

Our service vision, *Propelling Kenmore Upward: We Create a Thriving Community Where People Love Where They Live*, is alive and well.

Even though we still have a long way to go, the pandemic is temporary and will come to an end. I continue to believe we will be a stronger and more resilient organization when this is all over.

Thank you for your leadership, encouragement, and support.

City of Kenmore Parks & Facilities Safe Start: What Will Open?

PHASE 1 Stay Home, Stay Healthy Social Distancing Required	PHASE 2 Gathering with no more than 5 people outside your household Social Distancing Required	PHASE 3 Gathering with no more than 50 people Social Distancing Required	PHASE 4 Gathering with no limits Physical distancing still encouraged
Parks, Trails and Open Spaces	**City Hall –** Still closed but answering main phone line during limited hours **Parks Restrooms** **Log Boom Park Waterfront Rentals** **Hangar** up to 50% table capacity, limit three people per table; face coverings required when not eating/drinking	**City Hall** – Open to the public c during limited hours **Hangar** up to 75% Table Capacity & no more than 4 people per table **Playgrounds** **Skate Court** **Basketball Court** **Moorlands Athletic Field Reservations** **Camps and Programs** – outdoor only up to 50 people	**City Hall** **City Hall Facility Reservations** **Rhododendron Park Picnic Shelter Reservations** **Hangar** **Hangar Room Reservations** **Senior Center** **Town Square Water Feature**

CANCELLED EVENTS	• 4th of July Celebration • Movies @ The Square • Summer Concerts in the Park* • National Night Out • Play Day • Tree Lighting

*One live concert in August may be held if we are in phase 4 by then.

City Council Business Agenda Item
City of Kenmore, WA

Subject/Topic: Economic Indicators	**For Council Meeting Agenda of:** June 8, 2020 **Department:** Community Development **Prepared by:** Debbie Bent, Community Development Director Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner
Proposed Council Action/Motion: Review first Economic Indicators Report.	**Initial** **Approved by Department Head:** DB **Approved by City Attorney:** n/a **Approved by Finance Director:** JG **Approved by City Manager:** RK **Exhibits/Attachments:** 1. May 20, 2020 Economic Indicators Report

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

In order to spot trends and plan for the future as the pandemic progresses, staff has prepared an Economic Indicators report, dated May 20 (see Attachment 1). This first report will be updated with the most recent information on the first and third Wednesdays of the month for as long as needed.

The initial section of the report briefly describes the current situation, followed by a number of indicators for Kenmore, King County, Washington State, and the nation. The last part of the report provides information from the news.

Some of the economic indicators change rapidly; others are from monthly or quarterly datasets. New sources of information may be discovered. The purpose of the report is to provide a snapshot of where the economy is and where it might be headed.

A Powerpoint presentation on June 8 will highlight key points for Council review and discussion. Staff intends to upload the next iteration of the report (due June 3) prior to the June 8 meeting.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

None. Staff time was spent to work on this project.

COUNCIL GOAL/BUDGET OBJECTIVE BEING ADDRESSED:

This information affects all of the City Council priorities, but particularly:
Council Priority 5: Create and implement a Financial Stability Plan; and
Council Priority 7: Implement the Economic Development Plan.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS
Week of May 20, 2020

Summary of situation: The Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order continues in effect with the following restrictions:

- Stay Home Stay Healthy in effect until May 31, with 4 phases of reopening
- State parks (St. Edward with reduced capacity) and boat launches (Sammamish River) opened week of May 4, as did Inglewood Golf Club
- Car washes, retail curbside pickup, drive-in church services began on May 5
- Restrictions on non-critical medical and dental procedures were lifted on May 18
- Phase 2 may begin as soon as June 1, with in-store retail, offices, salons, partial restaurant reopenings
- Northshore School District closed for rest of year

Indicator	Kenmore	King County	Washington	National	Data Sources
Employment					
Overall unemployment rate		Increase from 2.4% to 5.4% between February and March	5.1% March	Increase from 4.4% to 14.7% between March and April	BLS; ESD
Total new claims for unemployment		4/19-4/25: 40,088 4/26-5/2: 31,550 5/3-5/9: 37,701	4/19-4/25: 137,605 4/26-5/2: 100,762 5/3-5/9: 109,425	4/19-4/25: 3,846,000 4/26-5/2: 3,169,000 5/3-5/9: 2,981,000	ESD; Commerce Business and Workers Update; King County Economist
• Construction unemployment claims		+1,086, down 20.4% from previous week			
• Manufacturing unemployment claims		+1,647, down 4.1% from previous week			
• Retail unemployment claims		+2,838, down 12.7% from previous week			
• Accommodation and food service unemployment claims		+2,746, down 20.0% from previous week			
Consumer spending					
GDP				-4.8% first quarter	Commerce Dept.; BEA
Consumer confidence				-26.9% from March to April	Conference Board
Consumer spending				-7.5% (March)	BEA

Sales tax revenue			5/15: Adjusted for payment deferrals, Revenue Act collections decreased 7.1% yoy*		ERF
Housing					
Missed rents/rental assistance		4/17: Took 2 days for King County United Way's Home Base $5 million rental assistance program to get thousands more applications than it had funds (received more than 5,000 completed applications)	5/5: 10.6% of tenants statewide did not pay April rent, up from 2.5% in March		Seattle PI; Survey of Washington Multifamily Housing Association members (PSBJ)
Missed mortgage payments/mortgage assistance				4/30: 7.3% of all active mortgages are in for forbearance plans. According to Mortgage Bankers Assoc., prior to COVID-19, the overall forbearance rate was 0.25%	Black Knight
Pending home sales		April: -43.68% yoy		-16.3% in March, yoy	NAR; NWMLS
Closed sales		April: -24.3% yoy			NWMLS
Average home price		April: +4% yoy			NWMLS
Housing sales inventory		April: -29.6% yoy			NWMLS
REET	-12% yoy in April. First yoy drop since December				Finance Dept.
Business and Development					
Permits (applications)	May 5 – May 19 Land use: 0% yoy (4/4) Engr: +100% yoy (1/2) Building: -17% yoy (30/25)	First quarter: -14.1% yoy			King County Economist; Trakit
Housing starts				March: 1,216,000, +1.4% yoy	Census Bureau
Development Services revenues	February: +108% yoy				Dev. Services Dept.

	March: -30% yoy April: -33% yoy				
Retail sales				April: -17.8% yoy	CNBC
Business investment				Fell for 4th straight quarter	
Bankruptcy filings		April: -41.6%, yoy			U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Transportation					
Metro Transit trips (M-F)		May 4-8: -74% yoy			Metro
Sound Transit (M-F), King County +	Route 522 operating on a reduced schedule with cuts to some trips.	April 3: -87% yoy			Sound Transit
Gas tax receipts	March: -11% yoy				Finance Dept.
Other					
$ spent on COVID-19	4/27: $167,012				Finance Dept.
Utility taxes	March: electricity declining, yoy. Others about the same				Finance Dept.
Franchise fees					NO INFORMATION YET

*yoy = year over year

Impacts reported from the news:

General

- Congressional Budget Office: Economy will begin growing in the second half of the year, but GDP won't return to its pre-pandemic level until 2022 at the earliest.
- There may be a quick rebound in consumer demand, but social distancing means there will not be as large a rebound in revenues (King County Economist).
- Puget Sound Business Journal conducted survey on 4/20 and 4/21. Of 2,821 business respondents, 33% had laid off more than 75% of their staff.
- Seattle job openings were down 40% from recent peak according to Indeed.com (ST, 4-12-20).
- Cumulative initial unemployment claims filed as a percentage of the Washington workforce between 3/14 and 5/2 = 25%--the 9th highest in the country (Fitch Ratings, 5/7/20).

- Oil: For the week ending May 8th, U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate was $23 per barrel, essentially unchanged from a month earlier but well above its recent low point of $3 in late April. Gasoline prices were unchanged between April 13th and May 11th at $1.85 per gallon (regular, all formulations). (ERF)

Major industries/sectors

- RETAIL:
  - Earnest national spending data (5/7/20) week ending 4/29/20: online grocers +163% (yoy), Home Improvement (+37% yoy)
  - Facteus First Report (electronic spending data):

Consumer Spend

Year over Year % Change

	15-Mar-20	22-Mar-20	29-Mar-20	5-Apr-20	12-Apr-20	19-Apr-20	26-Apr-20	3-May-20	10-May-20
Restaurants	-16%	-63%	-65%	-62%	-60%	-49%	-48%	-39%	-39%
Fast Food Restaurants	-5%	-37%	-36%	-32%	-31%	-14%	-13%	2%	-3%
Bars & Drinking Places	67%	-61%	-72%	-67%	37%	-57%	-57%	-50%	-52%
Movie Theaters	-52%	-93%	-99%	-99%	-99%	-99%	-99%	-99%	-99%
Amusement Parks	-33%	-82%	-85%	-81%	-83%	-71%	-87%	-80%	-82%
Commercial Sports & Athletic Fields	-9%	-69%	-86%	-76%	-85%	-74%	-76%	-60%	-70%
Tourist Attractions	-27%	-70%	-83%	-73%	-73%	-86%	-76%	-51%	-56%
Drug Stores and Pharmacies	22%	15%	-9%	-7%	1%	-8%	-5%	11%	3%
Wholesale Clubs	54%	13%	-6%	4%	-5%	35%	28%	49%	23%
Discount Stores	31%	2%	1%	17%	20%	62%	52%	70%	53%
Variety Stores	47%	20%	-1%	11%	13%	7%	27%	46%	33%
Department Stores	-27%	-66%	-67%	-64%	-61%	-42%	-47%	-39%	-42%
Misc. General Merchandise	-5%	-30%	-33%	-25%	-27%	3%	33%	4%	5%
Grocery Stores & Supermarkets	43%	27%	6%	15%	14%	15%	24%	40%	25%
Beer, Wine, and Liquor Stores	20%	58%	11%	28%	26%	-22%	40%	55%	49%
Video Games	21%	63%	51%	95%	102%	111%	70%	96%	81%
Home Supply Warehouse Stores	6%	-13%	6%	3%	-2%	63%	49%	82%	64%
Airlines	-41%	-79%	-88%	-92%	-94%	-89%	-88%	-84%	-82%
United Airlines	-43%	-79%	-88%	-92%	-94%	-94%	-92%	-88%	-87%
Alaska Airlines	-57%	-81%	-89%	-92%	-94%	-90%	-85%	-80%	-79%
Lodging	-23%	-65%	-77%	-75%	-80%	-72%	-72%	-60%	-54%
Holiday Inn	-31%	-58%	-82%	-80%	-82%	-76%	-79%	-72%	-63%

- TECH:
  - Global IT spending may decline 8% in 2020 compared with 2019 due to impact of COVID-19 (Gartner, Inc.).
  - Partial and full shutdowns of plants and factories in China created supply chain problems for technology companies (Business Insider, 3/18/20).
  - The shift to working from home is driving demand for tech in many categories. The growing need for infrastructure, like cloud computing, will be a boon to the industry (Accenture, 4/8/20).

- MANUFACTURING:
  - New orders for manufactured goods in March--down four of the last five months--decreased 10.3 percent, following a 0.1 percent February decrease (Census Bureau).

- WHOLESALE TRADE:
  - March 2020 sales of merchant wholesalers were down 5.2 percent from the March 2019 level.

- TOURISM:
  - A total of 16 citywide conventions previously booked at the Washington State Convention Center have now cancelled, representing 94,188 contracted hotel room nights and $111.8 million in lost economic impact (Visit Seattle 5-1-20).
  - CDC no sail order for cruise ships in effect until at least July 24, 2020 (Visit Seattle, 5-1-20).
  - Passengers departing from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) are down 88% in the past week compared to the same period last year (Port of Seattle, 5-13-20).
  - Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America and Princess Cruises have decided to cancel the entire 2020 Seattle cruise season (Port of Seattle, 5-13-20).

- REAL ESTATE:
  - The Puget Sound Business Journal indicated that home-buying demand — defined as the number of customers reaching out to Redfin agents — is down just 15% from pre-Covid levels (PSBJ, 5-6-20). The brokerage has seen some increases in new homes hitting the market and home sales since all-time lows in early April.
  - Seattle-based Zillow Group is also seeing new listings and pending sales increasing slightly (King County Economist).

<u>Major companies</u>

- Boeing – 737 production facility in Renton is reopening after being shuttered since January. Nationally, workforce will be reduced by 16,000 through voluntary buyouts, natural attrition and layoffs. Boeing raised $25 billion in a debt issuance the week ending May 2 that some analysts feel will allow them to make it through the current situation and position them well for whenever the 737 Max gets to fly again (ST, 5-1-20). Last year there were about 40,000 jobs related to aerospace manufacturing in King County.

- Starbucks to begin opening stores week of May 10 and hopes to have 90% open by mid-June (CNN, 4-29-20).

- Amazon and Microsoft still advertising for jobs, showing employment growth. Amazon has extended work from home to October. Microsoft Corp. also told employees that when restrictions lift, working from home will remain optional through October.

- Zillow CEO announced that employees will be allowed to work from home for the rest of the year, regardless of whether businesses are allowed to re-open.

- Albertsons hired more than 5,000 employees since Covid-19 began and sales have increased 47% in the first four weeks and 21% in the following four weeks (PSBJ, 5-12-20).

June 8, 2020

Economic Indicators

The report

Purpose: Present a picture of the economy to assess the impact of Covid-19 and help plan and prepare for the future

Timing: Presented to the Management Team every first and third Wednesday of the month with periodic updates to Council

Sources: Variety of “legitimate” sources that may change from report to report

Relevance: Information available at different rates—hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly. Some data is adjusted.

Changes between May 20 and June 3 reports

- Unemployment rate in King County increased from 2.4% in February to 14.9% in April, but first time claims for unemployment have dropped fairly dramatically. The national unemployment rate increased from 4.4% in March to 14.7% in April. The State unemployment rate increased from 5.1% to 15.4%

- Consumer confidence is rebounding (from -29.6% in April to +1% in May). Retail sales have had the best week year-over-year since the end of March

- Sales tax picture has a few bright spots despite a 19% year-over-year decline in March

Changes between May 20 and June 3 reports

- Other revenues (REET, utility taxes, gas tax) are down only 11-13%
- Development applications and revenues, including impact fees, have seen major decreases but are always variable (revenues down 47% year-over-year in May; impact fees down 37-60%)
- Home prices and pending sales are up (+4-5%)
- Tech continues to be a bright spot
- Tourism especially is suffering

Local business reports

(State of the City, June 3)

- Kenmore Air reports that the 130 employees they had on March 1 were reduced to 14, but by pivoting to service and parts they've increased employment to 28
- Seaplane Kitchen & Bar closed mid-March and all staff were laid off. The business reopened for takeout on June 4 with 7-8 employees
- Kenmore Smiles dentistry closed mid-March and furloughed employees. The business has reopened but patient flow is at about 60%

Concerns for the future

- Revenues
- Major employer layoffs: Boeing, UW Medicine
- Local business recovery
- Rental assistance
- Mortgage forbearance
- Transit
- Timing—recovery in 6 months or two years?

ECONOMIC INDICATORS
Week of June 3, 2020

Summary of situation: The modified Covid-19 response--"Safe Start" county by county phased reopening--was proclaimed by the Governor on May 29 with the following restrictions:

- Governor Inslee's Stay Home Stay Healthy proclamation ended on May 31
- King County continues in Phase 1 of reopening and has applied for a modified Phase 1 of the 4-phase reopening plan
- Car washes, retail curbside pickup, drive-in church services, and a few other businesses were opened on May 5 as part of Phase 1
- Restrictions on non-critical medical and dental procedures were lifted on May 18
- Modified Phase 1, if approved by the State, could include limited outdoor gatherings (generally 5 people); additional construction; in-store retail with 15% of building occupancy and services limited to 30 minutes; personal and professional services limited to 25% of building occupancy; and outdoor dining at 50% of existing outdoor capacity, among other activities
- Effective June 8, face coverings are required for workers unless they don't have in-person interactions.

Indicator	Kenmore	King County	Washington	National	Data Sources
Employment					
Overall unemployment rate		March: 5.6% April: 14.9%	March: 5.1% April: 15.4%	March: 4.4% April: 14.7%	BLS; ESD; Labor Dept.
Total new claims for unemployment*		4/19-4/25: 40,088 4/26-5/2: 31,550 5/3-5/9: 37,701 5/10-5/16: 47,136 5/17-5/23: 14,371	4/19-4/25: 137,605 4/26-5/2: 100,762 5/3-5/9: 109,425 5/10-5/16: 138,733 5/17-5/23: 48,445	4/19-4/25: 3,846,000 4/26-5/2: 3,169,000 5/3-5/9: 2,981,000 5/10-5/16: 2,438,000 5/17-5/23: 2,123,000	ESD; Commerce Business and Workers Update; King County Economist
• Construction new unemployment claims			4/19-4/25: 6,047 4/26-5/2: 4,849 5/3-5/9: 5,009 5/10-5/16: 5,534 5/17-5/23: 3,011		ESD
• Manufacturing new unemployment claims			4/19-4/25: 6,045 4/26-5/2: 5,409 5/3-5/9: 7,894 5/10-5/16: 10,789 5/17-5/23: 3,661		ESD

• Retail new unemployment claims			4/19-4/25: 10,397 4/26-5/2: 8,489 5/3-5/9: 8,965 5/10-5/16: 10,508 5/17-5/23: 4,236		ESD
• Accommodation and food service new unemployment claims			4/19-4/25: 10,049 4/26-5/2: 8,435 5/3-5/9: 6,355 5/10-5/16: 6,168 5/17-5/23: 3,765		ESD
• Services new unemployment claims			4/19-4/25: 24,471 4/26-5/2: 22,601 5/3-5/9: 31,306 5/10-5/16: 38,236 5/17-5/23: 12,120		
Consumer spending					
GDP				May: -5.0% first quarter	Commerce Dept.; BEA
Consumer confidence				-26.9% from March to April +1.0% from April to May	Conference Board
Consumer spending				March: -6.9% (adjusted) April: -13.6%	BEA
Sales tax revenue	March: down $43k from $225k in May of 2019, or about -19% yoy**		5/15: Adjusted for payment deferrals, Revenue Act collections decreased 7.1% yoy		ERF; Finance Dept.
• Construction revenue	March: $30,711, -49% yoy				Finance Dept.
• Retail trade revenue	March: $75,773, -3% yoy				Finance Dept.
• Services revenue	March: $48,102, -21% yoy				Finance Dept.
• Other revenue	March: $27,629, +3% yoy				Finance Dept.
Housing					
Missed rents/rental assistance		5/28: King County estimates 30,000 households will need rental assistance once the moratorium expires		5/27: 93.3% of apartment households have made full or partial rent payments	Survey of Washington Multifamily Housing Association members (PSBJ); NMHC; King

					County Department of Community & Human Services
Missed mortgage payments/mortgage assistance				5/12: 8.8% of all active mortgages are in for forbearance plans. According to Mortgage Bankers Assoc., prior to COVID-19, the overall forbearance rate was 0.25%	Black Knight
Pending home sales		Week ending 5/24: +5.0% yoy		-16.3% in March, yoy -21.8% in April, yoy	NAR Index; NWMLS; Seattle Times
Closed sales		April: -24.3% yoy			NWMLS
Median home price		April: +4% yoy			NWMLS
Listings		April: -29.6% yoy			NWMLS
REET	April: -25% yoy transactions; -12% yoy revenue				Finance Dept.
Business and Development					
Permits (applications)	May 20 – June 2 Land use: -67% yoy (6/2) Engr: -100% yoy (3/0) Building: -33% yoy (36/24)	First quarter: -14.1% yoy			King County Economist; Trakit
Housing starts				March: 1,216,000, +1.4% yoy April: 891,000, - 29.7% yoy	Census Bureau
Development Services revenues	February: +108% yoy March: -30% yoy April: -33% yoy May: -47% yoy				Dev. Services Dept.
Transportation impact fees	May: -59.57% yoy				Finance Dept.
Park impact fees	May: -36.66% yoy				Finance Dept.
Retail sales				April: -17.8% yoy	CNBC
Business investment				Fell for 4th straight quarter	

Bankruptcy filings		April: -41.6%, yoy			U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Transportation					
Metro Transit trips (M-F)		May 4-8: -74% yoy May 11-15: -75.1% yoy			Metro
Sound Transit (M-F), King County +	Route 522 operating on a reduced schedule with cuts to some trips.	5/26: -85-90% yoy			Sound Transit
Gas tax receipts	March: -11% yoy				Finance Dept.
Other					
$ spent on COVID-19	4/27: $167,012				Finance Dept.
Utility taxes	May: -13.6% yoy				Finance Dept.
Franchise fees	April: -1.57% yoy				Finance Dept.
Liquor tax	April: +6.52% yoy				Finance Dept.

* Unemployment fraud may have inflated these numbers
**yoy = year over year

Impacts reported from the news:

General

- Congressional Budget Office estimates that real gross domestic product will contract by 11 percent in the second quarter of this year, which is equivalent to a decline of 38 percent at an annual rate.
- New business starts (as measured by tax ID requests) are down 10.4% yoy in Washington, but only -1.0% yoy nationally (ST, 6/2/20).
- Seattle job postings sagged as U.S. and Washington listings turned slightly upward, but still first positive change since March (ST, 5/19/20).
- According to an assessment by WalletHub, Washington state ranks 14th in the list of states that need the most financial help to recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic. The financial website considered factors such as state budget shortfalls, rainy day funds, and most affected industries (KUOW, 6/1/20).
- U.S. Census survey of small businesses in Washington found that more than a third said it would take more than 6 months for their business to recover the usual level of operations. 7% said the pandemic has had “little or no effect” on their operations (ST, 5/14/20).

- Oil: Oil prices rose to near three-month highs on expectations that major producers will agree to extend output cuts during a video conference likely to be held this week. U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate advanced to $36.25 per barrel. Oil prices are still 40% down this year (CNBC, 6/2/20). The national gas price average is $1.97, just one penny more expensive than last week. Gasoline demand saw a 7% week-over-week increase. However, demand is still down nearly 25% compared to last year (Energy Information Administration, AAA, 6/1/20).

Major industries/sectors

- RETAIL:
  - Earnest national spending data (5/14/20) week ending 5/6/20: online grocers +154% (yoy), home improvement (+73% yoy).
  - Amazon is offering full-time jobs to 125,000 temporary workers it hired for the pandemic (NPR, 5/28/20).
  - J.C. Penney Co. Inc. has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection (PSBJ, 5-18-20).

Facteus Insight Report on Consumer Spending and Transactions (FIRST)

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25 May 2020 | Year over Year % Change

MOST POSITIVE TREND	SMALLEST DECLINE WEEK	MOST NEGATIVE TREND	LARGEST DECLINE WEEK
+111% Video Games, 19 April	24 May avg −14%	−99% Movie Theaters, March, April	29 March avg −47%

	−47% avg March				−34% avg April				−20% avg May
	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
Retail									
Department Stores	−67	−64	−61	−42	−47	−39	−42	−30	−15
Discount Stores	+1	+17	+20	+62	+52	+70	+53	+51	+49
Grocery Stores & Supermarkets	+6	+15	+14	+15	+24	+40	+25	+19	+19
Misc. General Merchandise	−33	−25	−27	+3	+33	+4	+5	+2	+14
Variety Stores	−1	+11	+13	+7	+27	+46	+33	+33	+32
Wholesale Clubs	−6	+4	−5	+35	+28	+49	+23	+29	+30
Retail Average	**−17**	**−7**	**−8**	**+13**	**+20**	**+28**	**+16**	**+17**	**+21**
Entertainment									
Amusement Parks	−85	−81	−83	−71	−87	−80	−82	−83	−86
Commercial Sports & Athletic Fields	−86	−76	−85	−74	−76	−60	−70	−60	−56
Fast Food Restaurants	−36	−32	−31	−14	−13	+2	−3	−3	+1
Movie Theaters	−99	−99	−99	−99	−99	−99	−99	−98	−98
Restaurants	−65	−62	−60	−49	−48	−39	−39	−34	−29
Tourist Attractions	−83	−73	−73	−86	−76	−51	−56	−59	−53
Video Games	+51	+95	+102	+111	+70	+96	+81	+93	+95
Entertainment Average	**−58**	**−47**	**−47**	**−40**	**−47**	**−33**	**−38**	**−35**	**−32**
Travel									
Airlines	−88	−92	−94	−89	−88	−84	−82	−79	−76
Cruise Lines	−89	−85	−88	−79	−75	−81	−74	−65	−68
Lodging	−77	−75	−80	−72	−72	−60	−54	−47	−33
Travel Bookings	−82	−80	−83	−76	−75	−71	−62	−57	+27
Travel Average	**−84**	**−83**	**−86**	**−79**	**−77**	**−74**	**−68**	**−62**	**−37**
Healthcare									
Drug Stores and Pharmacies	−9	−7	+1	−8	−5	+11	+3	+0	+3

−29% Average Drop

Average Weekly Drop
from 29 March to 25 May

- TECH:
  - Tech companies that cater to activities such as travel, transit and co-working are seeing their business models challenged. On the other hand, service-focused internet technology companies that are helping people navigate the new normal have seen a massive increase in usage (Barclays, 5/5/20).

- MANUFACTURING:
  - Advance report on new orders for manufactured goods in April shows a 17.2% decrease (Census Bureau, 5/28/20).

- WHOLESALE TRADE:
  - March 2020 sales of merchant wholesalers were down 5.2 percent from the March 2019 level (Census Bureau, 5/8/20).

- TOURISM:
  - Cruise line Holland America, headquartered in Seattle, will lay off, furlough or reduce the hours or pay of all of its shoreside employees. Nearly 2,000 people will be laid off (ST, 5-14-20).
  - Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) is operating at just 10 percent of typical passenger volumes (Port of Seattle, 5-20-20).
  - Seafair is canceling all of its major events for 2020 (PSBJ, 5-20-20).
  - A total of 26 future citywide conventions previously booked at the Washington State Convention Center have now cancelled, representing 186,073 contracted hotel room nights and $183.4 million in lost economic impact (Visit Seattle, 5-7-20).

- REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION:
  - Nationally, home-buying demand is now 16.5% above pre-Covid levels on a seasonally-adjusted basis. Of the roughly 1,000 employees furloughed by Redfin, approximately 350 have been brought back to work (Redfin, 5/21/20).
  - Average 30-year fixed mortgage rate is at record low of 3% (Redfin, 5/21/20).
  - Overall construction spending fell 2.9% in April from March, the largest decline in 18 months, but not as bad as expected. Private residential construction was down 4.5% on the month, but remains up 6.2% year-over-year (Zillow Market Pulse, 6/1/20).

<u>Major companies/institutions</u>

- Boeing – 9,840 Washington State Boeing jobs will be cut before July 31 in a combination of buyouts and involuntary layoffs (ST, 5/27/20).
- University of Washington Medicine is furloughing 1,500 professional and classified nonunion staff due to the financial challenges caused by the novel coronavirus (PSBJ, 5-19-20).
- Amazon has extended free rent to small tenants for another month (PSBJ, 5/27/20).
- AMC has “substantial doubt” it can remain in business after shuttering all of its locations during the pandemic. Revenue dropped 22% drop in the first quarter. The second quarter is expected to be worse as distributors continue to push back new film releases (CNBC, 6/3/20).