



ORDER 2020-02

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic due to the spread of Novel Coronavirus "COVID-19;" and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Bullock declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City of Whitefish adopted emergency Ordinance No. 20-04, enacting measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and waiving a second reading; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Flathead County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor John Muhlfeld declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the City of Whitefish adopted emergency Ordinance No. 20-06 implementing the "Directive Implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020, providing measures for the operation of local government," issued by Governor Steve Bullock on March 24, 2020, amending Ordinance No. 20-04; and

WHEREAS, emergency Ordinance No. 20-04 as amended, and emergency Ordinance No. 20-06, authorized the City Manager to extend certain dates and implement guidelines from federal, state, and local authorities; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, Governor Steve Bullock issued a directive providing guidance for the phased reopening of Montana and establishing conditions for Phase One of "Reopening the Big Sky," which limits gatherings to 10 individuals, continues social distancing requirements, minimizes non-essential travel, and establishes other protective measures and extensions of previously issued directives; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2020, Phase One commenced with no specific date of when the State of Montana will move to Phase Two; and

WHEREAS, as of April 26, 2020, there have been 2,804,796 reported cases of COVID-19 globally and 899,281 reported cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 constitutes an emergency situation affecting the public health, safety and general welfare, and proactively continuing mitigation measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 is in the best interests of the City and its inhabitants.

NOW, THEREFORE, AS AUTHORIZED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-06, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1: All of the recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2: All City Board, Commission and Committee meetings are cancelled through Phase One, with the exception of City Council, Planning Board and the Architectural Review Committee which will be held remotely via WebEx.

Section 3: In accordance with the Directive Implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020, providing measures for the operation of local government issued by Governor Steve Bullock on March 24, 2020, the City will continue to provide for the right of public participation consistent with social distancing and gathering limitations.

Section 4: The public is encouraged to submit written comments prior to the packet deadline. All written comments received prior to the packet deadline will be included in the packet and available on the City's website for City Council, Planning Board, and Architectural Review Committee meetings. All written comments received within one-hour prior to the start of the scheduled meeting will be provided to the City Council, Board, or Committee members and will be appended to the packet following the meeting. Public comment by those attending the meeting "live" via WebEx will be limited to three minutes per individual. At the end of "live" comment, the City Clerk or designee will read the name and address of each individual providing written comments and state whether they support or oppose the proposal/application before the City Council, Board, or Committee.

Section 5: The City temporarily waives all late fees and will not shut off service for delinquent water and sewer accounts through May 24, 2020. The actual charges for services will not be waived. For individuals who are members of a vulnerable population and who, pursuant to Governor Steve Bullock's Directive, remain sheltered at home, the waivers will expire 30 days after the individual ceases to shelter at home or at the end of the emergency, whichever is sooner. Members of a vulnerable population must request the waiver provided by the Directive in advance of May 24, 2020.

Section 6: The City temporarily waives resort tax delinquency fees through May 24, 2020.

Section 7: The public restrooms located in the parking structure and the O'Shaughnessy Center are closed through Phase One.

Section 8: This Order is effective April 27, 2020.

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ORDER 2020-01

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic due to the spread of Novel Coronavirus "COVID-19;" and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Bullock declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City of Whitefish adopted emergency Ordinance No. 20-04, enacting measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and waiving a second reading; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Flathead County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor John Muhlfeld declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Governor Steve Bullock issued a "stay at home" directive effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 28 through April 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, President Donald Trump extended social distancing guidelines to April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, Governor Bullock issued a directive requiring that individuals self-quarantine for 14 days when traveling to Montana from another state or country; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance 20-05, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, prohibiting motels, hotels, short term rentals, and all other lodging facilities from accepting reservations for non-essential purposes through April 30, 2020 was adopted by the City Council on April 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance 20-05 authorized the City Manager to extend the April 30, 2020 deadline in accordance with federal, state, and local guidance; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, Governor Steve Bullock issued a directive providing guidance for the phased reopening of Montana and establishing conditions for Phase One, which

requires individuals to minimize non-essential travel; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, Governor Steve Bullock extended the directive requiring that individuals self-quarantine for 14 days when traveling to Montana from another state or country; and

WHEREAS, as of April 23, 2020, there have been 2,544,792 reported cases of COVID-19 globally and 873,137 reported cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is a trend of individuals leaving areas with high concentrations of COVID-19 to "shelter in place" in hotels, motels, short term rentals, and other lodging facilities in small mountain communities such as the City; and

WHEREAS, the individuals traveling to the City to "shelter in place" for non-essential purposes continue to present a health risk for the public; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting motels, hotels, short term rentals, and other lodging facilities from accepting reservations or walk-ins for non-essential purposes through May 10, 2020, is in the best interests of the City and its inhabitants.


NOW, THEREFORE, AS AUTHROIZED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-05, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1: All of the recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2: Emergency Ordinance 20-05, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, prohibiting motels, hotels, short term rentals, and all other lodging facilities from accepting reservations for non-essential purposes through April 30, 2020, is extended to May 10, 2020.

Section 3: The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider future extensions of or modifications to Emergency Ordinance 20-05 at the next City Council meeting scheduled for May 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Section 4: This order is effective April 23, 2020.



Dana Smith, City Manager