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RESOLUTION NO. 19-20-04

YAMHILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DECLARING A TEMPORARY STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE FIRE CHIEF

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oregon issued Executive Order 20-03 declaring a statewide State of Emergency under ORS 401.025(1) due to the serious public health and safety threat posed by the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our state: and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-07 “Prohibiting On-Premises Consumption of Food or Drink” due to the serious public health and safety threat posed by the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our state; and

WHEREAS, on March 23rd, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-12, “Ordering Oregonians to Stay at Home”, establishing measures for public and private facilities and mandated social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the District Board finds that the detection of multiple cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the state and the Governor’s Declaration present circumstances constituting a present threat of imminent widespread or severe damage, significant injury to persons or property, increased human suffering, loss of life, and financial loss within the District’s boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District Board finds that during this State of Emergency, it is prudent and responsible to delegate certain powers and responsibilities to the Fire Chief in order to more efficiently expedite District responses and services; and

WHEREAS, these emergency circumstances require focused and coordinated municipal and community responses beyond that which occur routinely, and such coordinated responses cannot be achieved without temporarily amending some of the District’s regular business, emergency, employment, and intergovernmental practices; and

WHEREAS, these emergency circumstances are anticipated to remain in effect for at least 90 days from the date of adoption and may be extended as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED THAT:

1. **District-wide State of Emergency.** A District-wide State of Emergency hereby exists within the Yamhill Fire Protection District, which includes all the area within the District boundaries. This State of Emergency shall become effective immediately and shall continue for a period of 90 days, unless further extended or rescinded by the District pursuant to this Declaration.
2. **District Authority.** During this State of Emergency, the District may take any legal and necessary steps to respond and recover from the emergency, including but not limited to: requesting assistance, funds, and reimbursement from the State of Oregon and federal agencies; adopting temporary rules and policies regarding District facilities, funds, resources, and staff; entering into contracts for services or aid agreements with other governmental or private entities; and cancelling non-essential District meetings and events.
 - a. Emergency procurement of goods, services, and public improvements is hereby authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.320, ORS 279C.380(4), and all other applicable statutes, resolutions, and rules.
3. **Staff Designation.** The Fire Chief is directed to identify one additional District staff member who is designated and authorized to serve as the “acting in capacity” Fire Chief (Fire Chief AIC) in the Fire Chief’s absence during this State of Emergency. The Fire Chief or designee(s) shall regularly document and report to the Board regarding any actions or orders taken pursuant to this Declaration.
4. **Fire Chief Delegation.** During this State of Emergency, the Board hereby delegates to the Fire Chief (and to Fire Chief designees in the case of the Fire Chief’s absence), the authority to implement local, state and federal leave recommendations and mandates; suspend enforcement of adopted policies or the collection of associated fees to equitably respond to emergency mandated closures; take actions and issue orders necessary and reasonable to protect health, safety and welfare of the District and the public and to conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency, as long as such actions, orders, and activities are in compliance with local, state and federal law.
5. **Effective Date and Duration.** This Declaration shall be effective on the date adopted by the District Board and shall remain in effect until July 13, 2020 at 12:00pm, unless further extended by the Fire Chief or designee or the District Board.
6. **Establishing an Emergency.** It is hereby adjudged and declared that existing conditions are such that this Declaration is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Yamhill Fire Protection District, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Resolution, and all provisions modifying the Resolution referred to herein, shall take effect in full force and effect when signed by the Board President.

DATED this 13 day of April 2020.

President,
Board of Directors
Yamhill Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Secretary,
Board of Directors
Yamhill Fire Protection District