

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY
COVID-19 RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and the Snohomish Health District and the Washington State Department of Health have since worked to identify, contact, monitor and test others in Snohomish County potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “very high,” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States and Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, several cases of COVID-19 already exist in Snohomish County and has caused the death of one (1) County resident, and the effects or its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout Snohomish County may significantly impact the life and health of our people, as well as our economy, and is a public health disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

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

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning February 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management, Snohomish County Emergency Coordination Center, began coordinating information and resources across county government to support the Snohomish Health District in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident with the Snohomish Health District; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, by Health Officer’s Order No. 20-056, the Snohomish County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide public health emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Snohomish County Executive David Somers declared that a State of Emergency exists in Snohomish County for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of this emergency is beyond the response and recovery capabilities of local resources; and

WHEREAS, this threat to public health and safety necessitates a proclamation of emergency requiring and authorizing me to exercise emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW Chapter 38.52.070(2) and Mukilteo Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 8.08.070(A).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, have determined that a public health emergency exists in the City of Mukilteo that constitutes an immediate danger and threat to the lives and health of the people of the City, the economy of the City, and is an emergency that affects life, health, property, or the public peace, and declare a state of emergency under the authority of RCW 38.52.070(2) and MMC Chapters 8.08.060 and 8.08.070..

I hereby direct the Emergency Management Coordinator and City staff to take all actions deemed necessary in conformance with the City's Emergency Operations Center Standard Operating Guide to mitigate the danger posed by COVID-19 and to protect the public health of the City of Mukilteo.

As a public emergency, the response by City staff may require exemptions to notice requirements of the "Open Public Meeting Act", emergency purchases and the waiver of public procurement processes of RCW 35.23.352 may be utilized where competition is not practicable, pursuant to MMC Chapter 8.08.070(a)5, RCW 38.52.070 and RCW 39.04.280.

This declaration shall immediately upon issuance, or as soon as practicable, be filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification, or rejection, and if rejected, shall be void. This proclamation shall be considered in full force and effect until the Council shall act, and will terminate when order has been restored in the City of Mukilteo.

Signed this 10th Day of March, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Gregerson".

Jennifer Gregerson,
Mayor