

**CITY OF SEATTLE  
CIVIL EMERGENCY ORDER**

**REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS**, in my capacity as Mayor, I proclaimed a civil emergency exists in the City of Seattle in the Mayoral Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the facts stated in that proclamation continue to exist, as well as the following additional facts:

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, Public Health – Seattle & King County announced 58 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County residents, including 11 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health – Seattle & King County issued guidance recommending that people at higher risk of severe illness should stay home and away from large groups of people as much as possible, including public places; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control, Washington state Public Health department, and Seattle-King County Public Health have issued guidance to allow for testing of people for COVID-19 who have symptoms per a doctor's order; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the United States Congress passed a bipartisan bill appropriating \$8.3 billion to assist state and local governments to tackle the COVID-19 response; and

**WHEREAS**, I am basing this Civil Emergency Order on the facts referred to in the preceding recitals; and

**WHEREAS**, the civil emergency necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted to the Mayor pursuant to Charter of the City of Seattle, Article V, Section 2; Seattle Municipal Code, Chapter 10.02 and RCW Chapter 38.52, including the power to seek the assistance of the state and federal government in combating the civil emergency as set forth in Seattle Municipal Code, Chapter 10.02.020(A)(10); and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to use extraordinary measures to protect the public peace, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions of this Civil Emergency Order are designed to provide the least necessary restriction on the rights of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, I believe it is in the best interest of the public safety, rescue and recovery efforts and the protection of property that the assistance of the federal and state governments be requested as set forth this Civil Emergency Order; therefore,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THAT:**

I, **JENNY A. DURKAN**, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SEATTLE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 10.02.020, 10.02.025, AND 10.02.030, AND MY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY, DATED MARCH 3, 2020, HEREBY ORDER:

**SECTION 1:**

The City of Seattle to apply for all available and eligible state and federal financial assistance to local governments to combat this civil emergency, including but not limited to the \$8.3 billion emergency package (Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020) passed by the United States Congress to tackle the COVID-19 response.

**SECTION 2:**

All mayoral proclamations and orders presently in effect shall remain in full force and effect except that, insofar as any provision of any such prior proclamation or order is inconsistent with any provision of this Civil Emergency Order, then the provision of this order shall control.

**SECTION 3:**


A copy of this Civil Emergency Order shall be delivered to the Governor of the State of Washington and to the County Executive of King County. To the extent practicable, a copy of this Civil Emergency Order shall be made available to all news media within the City and to the general public. In order to give the widest dissemination of this Civil Emergency Order to the public, as many other available means as may be practical shall be used, including but not limited to posting on public facilities and public address systems. SMC 10.02.100.

**SECTION 4:**

This Civil Emergency Order shall immediately or as soon as practical, be filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification or rejection, and if rejected this Civil Emergency Order shall be void; however, any such rejection or modification shall not affect any actions previously taken. The Council shall consider the statements set forth in Section 10.02.025 and may, by resolution, modify or reject the order. If the City Council modifies or rejects this Civil Emergency Order, said modification or rejection

shall be prospective only and shall not affect any actions taken prior to the modification or rejection of this Civil Emergency Order. SMC 10.02.020(B).

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at 12:15 am/pm. (P)

  
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JENNY A. DURKAN  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE