



City of Seattle

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Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Executive Order 2020-12: COVID-19 Civil Emergency – Extensions of City Closures and Relief Measures

An Executive Order directing City departments to further extend their actions to combat the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and to mitigate the impact of the public health emergency on the people of Seattle.

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

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, 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, on March 10, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-03 to provide assistance to Seattle’s small businesses and their workers; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-03 also directed Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light to enroll more customers in the Utility Discount Program, exercise flexibility with customers, including instituting payment plans, and avoid utility shutoffs whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee prohibited all gatherings of 250 or more in western Washington and Dr. Jeff Duchin, Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County also prohibited gatherings of 250 or less unless certain precautions were undertaken; and

WHEREAS, as a result, on March 12, 2020, I directed the Seattle Public Library and Seattle Parks and Recreation to close all public-facing indoor facilities through April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I temporarily suspended permitted events in the City of Seattle through April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the Seattle Department of Transportation announced new parking rules and procedures to reflect people staying at home, the transition of restaurants to take-out only, and the shortage of parking around medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 16 and 17, 2020, I issued Emergency Orders placing a temporary moratorium on residential evictions, as well as evictions of small business and non-profit organization commercial tenants, respectively; and

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WHEREAS, Washington Governor Jay Inslee issued a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order on March 23, 2020, asking non-essential workplaces to close and people to stay home except for necessary trips until midnight on April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Inslee extended the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-04, to align a number of City closures and relief measures to Governor’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, Governor Inslee further extended the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-05, which further aligned City closures and relief measures to the Governor Inslee’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 31, 2020, and additionally extended the City’s temporary moratoriums on residential and commercial evictions of small business and non-profits through June 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, Governor Inslee issued a Proclamation transitioning from “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” to “Safe Start, Stay Healthy,” a county-by-county phased approach to reopening through July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, Governor Inslee issued a Proclamation temporarily prohibiting residential evictions and temporarily prohibiting commercial property landlords from increasing the rate of rent if the commercial tenant has been materially impacted by the COVID-19 emergency, through August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through June 1, 2020, Public Health – Seattle & King County has announced 8,192 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County residents, including 557 deaths; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, I issued Executives Order 2020-06, which further extended the City’s temporary moratoriums on residential and commercial evictions of small business and non-profits through August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-19.3 extending the temporary prohibition on residential evictions and temporary rent protections for residential and commercial tenants statewide through October 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-19.4 further extending the temporary prohibition on residential evictions and temporary rent protections for residential and commercial tenants statewide through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the surge in COVID-19 cases and deaths in Seattle and King County shows that this pandemic continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of the City of Seattle; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor of Seattle, hereby order City departments to further extend the following closures, suspensions, and relief measures to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic in our community and promote the health and well-being of the people of Seattle:

Sec. 1 Extensions through March 31, 2021

A. Relief Measures

- i. Continue rent deferrals to for-profit tenants and rent abatement to non-profit tenants of Finance and Administrative Services Department and Seattle Parks and Recreation, as announced on March 20, 2020.
- ii. Modify current terms, as announced on March 20, 2020, for tenants of Seattle Center to provide rent abatements for both for-profit food service tenants in the Armory and non-profit tenants.

For all closures, suspensions, or relief measures set to terminate on June 30 or July 31, 2020, the City will continue to monitor guidance and future orders from Public Health - Seattle & King County, as well as the county, state, and federal government before determining whether to extend the termination date.

B. Emergency Moratorium on Residential Evictions

On March 16, 2020, an Emergency Order was issued imposing a moratorium on residential evictions through May 14, 2020, or upon the termination of the Civil Emergency, whichever is earlier. Executive Order 2020-05 extended the moratorium through June 4, 2020 and Executive Order 2020-09 further extended the moratorium through December 31, 2020. In addition, Governor Inslee issued Proclamations 20-19.1, 20-19.2, 20-19.3 and 20-19.4 that mandated temporary prohibition of residential evictions and imposed other related eviction prohibitions statewide through December 31, 2020.

Given the ongoing public health emergency and current surge of COVID-19 cases, the Emergency Order, dated March 16, 2020, imposing a moratorium on residential evictions is hereby extended through March 31, 2021.

C. Emergency Moratorium on Small Business and Non-Profit Commercial Tenant Evictions

On March 17, 2020, an Emergency Order was issued imposing a moratorium on evictions of small business and non-profit commercial tenants through May 15, 2020, or upon the termination of the Civil Emergency, whichever is earlier. Executive Order 2020-05 extended the moratorium through June 4, 2020 and subsequently Executive Order 2020-09 further extended the moratorium through December 31, 2020.

Given the ongoing public health emergency and the current surge of COVID-19 cases, the Emergency Order, dated March 17, 2020, imposing a moratorium on evictions of small business and non-profit commercial tenants is hereby extended through March 31, 2021.

Sec. 2 Extensions through June 30, 2021

The Utility Discount Program's Self-Certification Pilot Program, as announced in Executive Order 2020-03 is hereby extended to June 30, 2021.

Sec. 3 Extensions Until Further Notice

A. Closures

- i. In-person access to all City departments' public-facing customer service counters, as announced on March 13, 2020. Online and telephonic access should continue. Accessible communication to people with disabilities and to non-English speaking community members should also continue, to the greatest extent practicable.

Please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/departments> for additional information on specific City Departments' openings, closures, and modified hours/service delivery during COVID-19.

B. Suspensions

- i. Enforcement of the 72-hour parking rule in unrestricted areas, as announced on March 21, 2020.
- ii. Booting of vehicles with unpaid parking tickets, as announced on March 21, 2020.
- iii. All permitted City events, as announced on March 13, 2020, except for farmers market events that have been permitted for activity.

City staff shall continue to work with Seattle's Farmers Market Masters, under the guidance of Public Health - Seattle & King County, to establish parameters and conditions for additional farmers markets to safely operate as essential businesses and minimize exposure to COVID-19. This includes strict guidelines around health screening, social distancing, sanitation, and other operations.

City staff shall also continue to work with other government jurisdictions, under the guidance of local and state public health officials, regarding a coordinated approach toward resuming permitted events in the future.

C. Relief Measures

i. Temporary Parking Zones

- a. Temporary restaurant loading zones, as announced on March 21, 2020.
- b. Temporary parking zones for hospital and human services staff, as announced on March 26, 2020.
- c. Temporary retail loading zones, as announced on May 14, 2020.

ii. Utility Relief

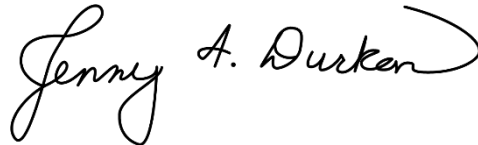
- a. Flexible payment plan policies, as announced in Executive Order 2020-03.
- b. Shut-off policies, as announced in Executive Order 2020-03.
- iii. All other temporary relief measures that have been established related to the COVID-19 civil emergency, including programs for small businesses and workers, food access programs, human services and homelessness programs, and artist stabilization measures.

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For all other COVID-19 legislation, emergency orders, closures, or relief measures announced by the City but not enumerated in this Executive Order, the City will monitor guidance and future orders from Public Health - Seattle & King County, as well as the county, state, and federal government before determining whether to extend their intended termination dates.

Any questions regarding this Executive Order should be directed to Senior Deputy Mayor Mike Fong, Office of the Mayor.

Dated this 15th day of December 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny A. Durkan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle