

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF CASTLE ROCK, WASHINGTON
DECLARING A CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been advised by the Department of Emergency Management that there is the imminent threat of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic affecting our area and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued warnings regarding the impacts and severity of this event throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Board of Cowlitz County Commissioners declared this emergency a significant health threat to our county; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency related to this significant health threat; and

WHEREAS, there is a present increasing emergency which necessitates activation of the Cowlitz County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 35A.13.030, RCW 35A.33, RCW 35A.34, RCW 38.52.070(2) and the laws of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, City of Castle Rock Resolution No. 2008-15 authorizes the City's participation within the Cowlitz County Emergency Management Council; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a civil emergency must be confirmed by the Castle Rock City Council at its next regular or special meeting in order to remain effective;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. It is hereby proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Castle Rock that, in accordance with the terms and conditions of RCW 35A.38.010, there is an emergency due to the above stated conditions in Cowlitz County; therefore the Public Works Department and the Clerk-Treasurer Department are designated as departments authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the City and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster, protecting the health and safety of persons and property, and providing emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster.

Section 2. Each designated department is authorized, in accordance with the terms and conditions of RCW 38.52.070(2), to exercise the powers vested under Section 1 of this proclamation in the light of the exigencies of the present extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including but not limited to:

- Budget law limitations
- Requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices
- Provisions pertaining to the performance of public works
- Entering into contracts

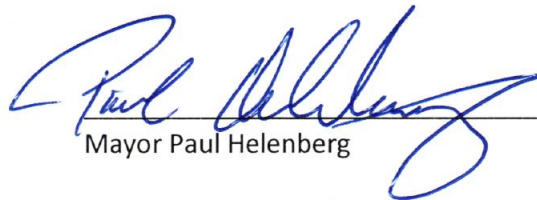
- The incurring of obligations
- The employment of temporary workers
- The rental of equipment
- The purchase of supplies and materials
- The appropriation and expenditures of public funds

Section 3. Each designated department may undertake contracting authority subject to the terms and conditions and provisions of RCW 39.04.280.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the authorizations set forth in Section 1 of this proclamation, designated departments shall endeavor to secure the most competitive price available for goods and services, subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of RCW 39.04.280.

Section 5. Such authorization shall include unannounced entry and access onto and about private property, where such entry and access shall not violate those constitutional privacy and property rights under an emergency declaration.

PROCLAIMED AND SIGNED by the Mayor on this 16th day of March 2020.



Mayor Paul Helenberg

Attest/Authentication



Carie Cuttonaro, Clerk-Treasurer