

**CITY OF SULTAN
SULTAN, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION 20-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SULTAN REQUESTING A PLAN FROM GOVERNOR
INSLEE ON REOPENING THE ECONOMY FROM THE
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused the most significant economic and social disruption in modern history; and,

WHEREAS, early action by federal, state, and local officials has helped to slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent the pandemic from overwhelming our medical system and resources; and,

WHEREAS, actions by federal, state, and local government in response to the COVID-19 outbreak include:

- March 13th, 2020 – President Trump declared a national emergency, fast-tracking waivers for hospitals and doctors as they responded to the pandemic
- March 23rd, 2020 – Washington Governor Inslee signed an executive order declaring a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order requiring Washingtonians to stay home outside of essential travel
- April 4th, 2020 – Governor Inslee extends the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order to May 4th, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order declared certain business sectors “essential” and allowed them to continue operations; and,

WHEREAS, “essential” businesses adapted to COVID-19 by implementing social distancing procedures including:

- Use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to reduce the chance of spreading the virus
- Keeping a distance of 6 feet from others when possible
- Telecommuting to reduce the number of in-person interactions
- Takeout and delivery only options for restaurants to reduce contact
- Use of conference/video calling software to reduce in person meetings
- Increased availability of sanitation equipment and stations for workers; and,

WHEREAS, according to the most recent data (CITATION), Snohomish hit its peak of new confirmed cases per day on March 27th; and,

WHEREAS, according the most recent data (CITATION), Washington State hit its peak of new confirmed cases per day on April 1st; and,

WHEREAS, Congress has passed multiple relief bills aimed at helping small businesses survive through the shutdown; and,

WHEREAS, The funding for the Small Business Administration to help small businesses expired on April 16th; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government has released guidelines to restart the economy and start to return to work safely; and,

WHEREAS, On April 20th, The Boeing Co.'s operations in Everett, WA restarted with health and safety guidelines and procedures implemented to keep workers safe; and,

WHEREAS, rural areas of the state have been less impacted by the pandemic than more densely populated urban areas; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee has convened a working group of industry and labor representatives from the construction sector to set guidelines for safely returning to work (Date of convening); and,

WHEREAS, construction industry professionals have indicated that they can return to work while providing a safe environment for workers; and,

WHEREAS, according to accesscorp.com, 40% of businesses may not recover if the shutdown continues; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee has expressed that the reopening of the economy will be a "turning of the dial" rather than a "flipping of the switch"; and,

WHEREAS, if new COVID-19 cases begin to rise again after re-opening, guidelines can be implemented to dial back some of the business openings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, the City of Sultan requests that Washington Governor Jay Inslee re-open residential construction for areas of the state that have experienced a 14 day decline in new COVID-19 cases per day; and,

THAT, the City of Sultan supports guidelines set forth by the federal government and industry professionals to provide for safe workplace procedures for workers; and,


THAT, the City of Sultan encourages Governor Inslee to release a plan detailing the manner in which the re-opening of the rest of the economy will commence and a flexible timeline for said re-opening.

Passed by majority vote of the Sultan City Council in open meeting this 23rd day of April 2020.



Mayor Russell Wiita

Attest:



Tamj Pevey, City Clerk