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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Coburg City Council Declares State of Emergency Due to COVID-19

Today the City of Coburg has declared emergency due to the Covid-19 virus. This will be effective immediately and extend through April 3, 2020, and will be extended in two week intervals as necessary. Declaring emergency allows for the City of Coburg to identify critical needs and make important decisions regarding staffing and management of resources quickly and without undue process. It also allows for the City to request emergency funds from outside agencies if necessary, and to receive those funds.

This is not a reason to panic, rather it is a time to come together and realize we can all have a part in our community response to this pandemic by doing what we can to help with the effort.

We have been asked by many of you what you can do to help. The City is working with our community partners to identify crucial needs and designing ways to address them. This includes forming volunteer teams that can train to respond to our residents while still maintaining healthy practices for alleviating the spread of the virus. Please stay tuned for more information on these efforts.

City Hall is closed in order to keep our staff healthy and maintain essential services of the City. However, we are available to you by phone or email. Please see the attached contact information sheet.

A **call center has been established at City Hall,** effective today, March 20 the phone line will be open 1 to 4 daily Monday through Friday. Outside of those hours you can leave a message and your phone call will be returned within 24 hours. Residents may call this phone line with concerns and questions not directly connected to their healthcare. If you have a specific need, question or concern please call **541-682-7878**. If you have a health concern, call **Lane County Public Health Helpline at 541-682-1380**. If it is a m**edical emergency, call 911.**

We will continue to post important information and links on our website to assist residents and businesses as it becomes available to us at **coburgoregon.org/covid19.**

RESOLUTION 2020-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COBURG DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, A type of coronavirus, COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 requires a significant amount of resources at the local level to keep the public and community informed and as safe as possible; and

WHEREAS, March 8, 2020 Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and

WHEREAS, March 13, 2020 President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act")

WHEREAS, March 17, 2020 Lane County Board of Commissioners has declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in Lane County, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the unknown duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic may have significant financial impact to the community; and

WHEREAS, presumptive case of the virus was identified in Lane County on March 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, to ensure that the City of Coburg is fully prepared for the local outbreak of COVID 19 and has the resources and authority needed to respond to the disease, a declaration of emergency is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coburg

Section 1. A Local State of Emergency is declared to exist throughout the City of Coburg.

Section 2. All necessary city funds shall be redirected for emergency use, and standard city procurement procedures shall be suspended for any contract or purchase necessary to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Section 3. All non-essential city commissions, committees, task forces and city events are cancelled until April 2, 2020.

Section 4. To protect the health of the City employees, the City Administrator may issue emergency rules or guidance on the use of sick leave, telework, remote work, or other policies that shall be in effect for the duration of the emergency.

Section 5. The City Administrator shall take all necessary action to protect lives and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize to mitigate the effect of the emergency.

Section 6. The City Administrator shall use authority under ORD A-203 section 5 as needed during the emergency and shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate the response of this emergency, including but not limited to requesting assistance from the State of Oregon and Lane County.

Section 7. The Declaration of State of Emergency will become effective immediately and will remain in effect through April 3, 2020 but may be extended for additional periods of two weeks at a time under this resolution, if conditions continue to warrant such and extension.

Adopted by the **City Council** of the **City of Coburg**, Oregon, by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, this 20th day of March, 2020.

Ray Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder