

**CITY OF NEW PLYMOUTH, IDAHO**

**RESOLUTION 2020-01**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION BY THE  
MAYOR AND NEW PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO IDAHO  
CODE SECTION 46-1002 RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC CAUSED BY THE  
SPREAD OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Payette County Idaho, a political subdivision of the State of Idaho, has found it necessary to approve and Emergency Declaration for Payette County; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Plymouth Idaho, also a political subdivision of the State of Idaho, also finds it necessary to approve an Emergency Declaration for the City of New Plymouth and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all citizens of the City of New Plymouth is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified as a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the State of Idaho, and the threat of the further spread of COVID-19 is imminent in the State of Idaho and may be imminent in the City of New Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, the widespread and severe damage to life or property caused by COVID-19 constitutes a “disaster” and an “emergency,” as those terms are defined in Idaho Code § 46-1002; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 46-1011, the Mayor may declare a local disaster emergency within the City of New Plymouth, the effect of which is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2808(1), the New Plymouth City Council may declare that an emergency exists and that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money if there is a great public calamity, such as an epidemic, or it is necessary to do emergency work to safeguard life, health, or property, which declaration then authorizes the City of New Plymouth to expend any sum required in the emergency without compliance with formal bidding procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Plymouth is taking action to provide leadership for our community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to help reduce the spread the of COVID-19, and to encourage our community members and community businesses to do their part to prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, a disaster emergency declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

WHEREAS, an emergency declaration must be filed with the Payette County Recorder and “given prompt and general publicity.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick York, Mayor of the City of New Plymouth, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Idaho Code § 46-1011, with the approval of the New Plymouth City Council, do hereby find and, therefore, declare that:

1. For purposes of implementing Idaho Code § 46-1011, a local disaster emergency exists in the City of New Plymouth, Idaho. The nature of the disaster is the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19.

2. For purposes of implementing Idaho Code § 67-2808(1), an emergency exists in the City of New Plymouth, Idaho and the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to secure materials, equipment, and services from private and public entities to provide disaster emergency relief and assistance to persons threatened, injured, or victimized by COVID-19.

3. City departments are directed to utilize City resources and do everything reasonably possible to assist affected citizens and entities in an effort to respond to, recover from and prevent further the outbreak of COVID-19.

A. City departments shall follow the recommendation of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and that of Public Health—Southwest Idaho District by postponing or cancelling all City-sponsored events that meet the following criteria:

I. The event is expected to draw audiences or participants from communities, states or countries with confirmed community spread of COVID-19; or

II. The event will be held indoors and bring together more than ten (10) individuals where social distancing of six (6) feet or more is unlikely or not possible; or

III. The event’s primary audience includes or may expose high-risk populations, including persons over the age of 60 years and people with underlying chronic medical conditions, such as heart or lung disease or diabetes, regardless of the number of attendees.

IV. City Hall and other City offices may be closed or access limited without further action of the Council in order to protect the public health and safety

B. The City of New Plymouth recommends the public follow the recommendations of Center for Disease Control, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and Public Health—Southwest Idaho District by postponing or cancelling gatherings and events that meet the criteria set forth above, or as may be revised by such entities.

C. The City of New Plymouth will endeavor to assist the local economy through education, promotion, and collaboration to reduce the long-term financial impact of this emergency.

4. The New Plymouth City Council consents to the extension of this Declaration beyond for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of adoption and orders that this Declaration shall remain in effect until a declaration terminating the local disaster emergency is issued by the City Council, or by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.


5. This Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be recorded and filed immediately with the Payette County Recorder.

6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

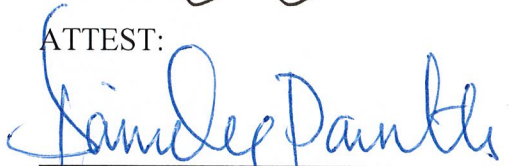
That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

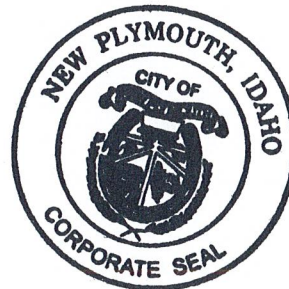
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March 2020.

MAYOR

  
Rick York

ATTEST:

  
Danielle Painter, Clerk



State of Idaho )

: ss.

County of Payette )

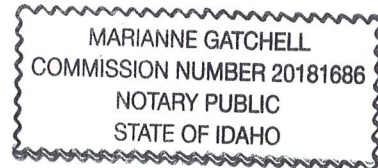
On this 19 day of March in the year, 2020, before me Marianne Gatchell, a notary public, personally appeared RICK YORK and DANIELLE PAINTER, personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same on behalf of the City of New Plymouth, Idaho in their official capacities as Mayor and City Clerk.

Marianne Gatchell

Notary Public for Idaho

Residing at New Plymouth Id

My Commission Expires: 8-29-24



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