

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 2020-05

A PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19 AND THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE A CONTINUING RESPONSE

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, I issued the City of Auburn Proclamation, which proclaimed an emergency due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, I issued the City of Auburn Proclamation of Emergency and Temporary Moratorium on Residential Late Payment Fees and Supporting Governor Inslee's March 18, 2020, Order Providing Additional Assistance and Protection for Residential Tenants;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I signed the City of Auburn Proclamation of Emergency and Temporary Moratorium on Commercial Evictions;

WHEREAS, in addition to the public health and safety issues related to the spread infection, the economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant and threaten to undermine the stability of City of Auburn residents and businesses;

NOW THEREFORE I, Nancy Backus, Mayor of the City of Auburn, Proclaim as follows:

Section 1. As authorized by ACC 2.75.090, I hereby direct City staff to identify opportunities to assist Auburn residents, small businesses, tenants, and other people in Auburn affected by COVID-19. Such opportunities may include reallocation of funding, additional programs, modifying existing City policies and procedures, and amending certain City codes on an interim basis to better serve the City during this time.

Section 2. As authorized by ACC 2.75.090, I hereby direct City staff to authorize the use of payment plans associated with utility billing for customers experiencing hardships related to COVID-19.

Section 3. As authorized by ACC 2.75.090, I hereby direct City staff to authorize the use of payment plans for other City services, when appropriate in the City Director's discretion, and to allow for the extension of deadlines faced by City customers that are established under City code and not otherwise mandated by State or Federal law.

Section 4. As authorized by ACC 2.75.090, I hereby direct City staff to waive charges for commercial properties requesting temporary shut offs for water utilities, in an effort to avoid monthly base fees for water, sewer, and solid waste when there is to zero consumption, and in recognition of the economic hardships related to COVID-19.

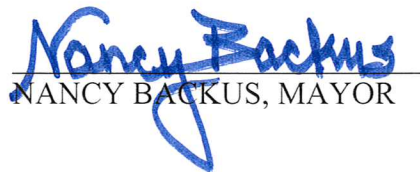
Section 5. I hereby ask that the City Council also identify opportunities to assist Auburn residents, small businesses, tenants, and other people in Auburn affected by COVID-19. Such opportunities may include reallocation of funding, additional

programs, modifying existing City policies and procedures, and amending certain City codes on an interim basis to better serve the City during this time.

Section 6. As soon as practicable I will advise and consult with the City Council with respect to all actions taken under the authority of this Proclamation.

Dated and signed: 3.20.20

CITY OF AUBURN


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR