

RESOLUTION NO. 1110

CITY OF LACEY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY AMENDING RESOLUTION 1087 RELATED TO TEMPORARY PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Lacey City Council passed Resolution No. 1085 finding the COVID-19 outbreak to constitute an emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee imposed a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order requiring every Washingtonian to stay home unless they are engaged in an essential activity and banning all gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes and ordering all businesses to close unless they are designated as an essential business; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020 recognizing the health, safety and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors and staff was of utmost importance to the City and that additional measures were needed to protect and assist the community, the Lacey City Council adopted Resolution 1087 providing for temporary procedures in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020 Governor Inslee’s Proclamation 20-23.2 prohibited all energy, water, and telecommunications providers from (1) disconnecting residential service due to nonpayment, (2) refusing to reconnect residential customers who were disconnected due to nonpayment, and (3) charging late fees or reconnection fees; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020 the City Council passed Resolution 1093 which amended Resolution 1087 by removing some of the temporary procedures; and

WHEREAS, after multiple extensions Governor Inslee’s Proclamation 20-23 et seq. related to utility late fees and shutoffs expired on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, while the emergency related to COVID-19 continues to exist, the Lacey City Council recognizes that further amendment of Resolution 1087 is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, that Resolution 1087 of the City of Lacey, as previously amended by Resolution 1093, be further amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Council Procedures. During the term of this Resolution, the following amendments to City Council procedures are hereby adopted:

- A. Any rule or procedure adopted by City Council that would prevent or prohibit all City Councilmembers from attending City Council meetings telephonically are temporarily suspended and all City Councilmembers are encouraged to attend all meetings via telephone.
- B. The requirements of Lacey Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 are amended as follows:
 - a. All regular meetings of the city council shall commence at 4:00pm.
- C. Any Council rules that are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby waived and suspended during the term of this Resolution.

~~Section 2. Utility Billing. To assist distressed citizens during this emergency:~~

~~A. — Any section of Title 13 of the Lacey Municipal Code which requires or allows the charging of interest and/or a late fee to delinquent bill balances is hereby suspended. No new interest charges or late fees shall be added to utility bills issued during the effective date of this Resolution.~~

~~B. — Any section of the Lacey Municipal Code which requires or allows enforcement action to be taken against delinquent accounts is hereby suspended during the effective date of this Resolution.~~

~~Section 3. Business and Occupation Taxes. To help distressed businesses manage the use of scarce cash resources, the Finance Department is directed and ordered to take administrative action to allow businesses to defer first quarter Business and Occupation (B&O) tax payments until July 31st.~~

~~Section 4. Carryout Bags. In recognition that retail establishments are disallowing the use of personal reusable bags, the requirements of Chapter 8.06 of the Lacey Municipal Code are hereby suspended.~~

Section 5. Sign Regulations. To help business owners inform the public via signage of shifts in business operations, the following regulations are temporarily adopted:

- A. Professionally made banners and posters may be located flush mounted on the exterior building of a business;
- B. One sandwich board (“A” board) type sign or feather type sign shall be allowed along the business property frontage or upon the business property exceeding the maximum 12 foot distance from the entrance of the business;
 - a. sandwich board sign shall be limited in size to a maximum of 9 sq. ft. per side and a maximum of 3’ wide;
 - b. signs shall be placed so as not to impede pedestrian movement or cause a vision hazard to vehicles;
 - c. such signs shall be in place only during open business hours.
- C. The Community & Economic Development Director is authorized to take any administrative action the Director finds necessary, in the Director’s sole discretion, to allow businesses additional flexibility in the application of temporary signage
- D. Any Council rules or provisions of the Lacey Municipal Code that are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby waived and suspended during the term of this Resolution.

Section 36. The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall continue until termination of the emergency declared by the City Council on March 19, 2020.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, this 18th day of November, 2021.

LACEY CITY COUNCIL

By 

Mayor

Attest:

Peri Edmonds

City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney