

City of McCleary

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-02



WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, in my capacity as Mayor, I proclaimed that a public health emergency exists in the City of McCleary in Emergency Executive Order 20-01; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people and shutting down restaurants, bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities within the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, this guidance is appropriate for public health reasons, but it has economic impacts on small businesses, nonprofit organizations, workers, and citizens in McCleary; and

WHEREAS, local businesses are experiencing severe revenue losses associated with lost business due to the Governor's order; and

WHEREAS, these impacts are being felt across all industry sectors including retail, restaurant, hospitality, transportation, arts and culture, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the employees of these businesses have been either laid off or have had their hours greatly reduced which has economic impact to the individual and families; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, Governor Jay Inslee requested that all public utilities suspend the assessment of late fees on utility bills with respect to the economic impact on families as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY the Mayor of the City of McCleary, Grays Harbor County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Utility Relief

In order to provide economic relief for those impacted by COVID-19, the McCleary Utility Billing Department shall temporarily suspend the accrual of late fees on past due balances on McCleary utility bills until such time as legislation is passed confirming (or rejecting the suspension) by the McCleary City Council at the next general or special council meeting.

Section 2. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate at midnight following the 90th day after the date of this order unless extended or terminated earlier by the Mayor of the City of McCleary.

SIGNED this 19th Day of March, 2020,

BRENDA O. ORFFER, Mayor

ATTEST

WENDY COLLINS, Clerk-Treasurer