



# City of Cornelius Agenda Report

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Rob Drake, City Manager

**Date:** March 16, 2020

**Subject:** Resolution No. 2020-13: Declaring a State of Emergency-COVID-19



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**Summary:** In recent months, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has spread from China to the rest of the world. Each day, the number of cases and deaths increase in the United States. Oregon has seen similar increases in the last month, including Washington County. The President, Governor and County Commissioners have declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19.

The City Manager would like to talk with the Mayor and City Council to solicit their thoughts and opinions about the emergency declaration. In addition, there may be additional action that will need to be taken after the open discussion.

**Financial Implications:** No financial implications are known at this time.

**Staff Recommendation:** The City Manager recommends that the City Council declare a State of Emergency in Cornelius, at least through April 6, 2020.

**Proposed Motion:** I make a motion that the Cornelius City Council approve Resolution No. 2020-13, **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF CORNELIUS CAUSED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC IN THE STATE OF OREGON AND UNITED STATES**, authorizing the Mayor to sign the resolution and it goes into effect immediately.

**Exhibits:** Resolution 2020-13: Declaring a State of Emergency in Cornelius, OR Caused by Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

### A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF CORNELIUS CAUSED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC IN THE STATE OF OREGON AND UNITED STATES

**FINDINGS:** In recent months, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has spread from China to the rest of the world. Each day, the number of cases and deaths increase in the United States. Oregon has seen similar increases in the last month, including Washington County. The President, Governor and County Commissioners have declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS,** the City of Cornelius has the authority under ORS Chapter 401 and the adopted Emergency Operations Plan that provides direction to the City, its officials, and others in the event of an emergency that exists within the City, and which provides for the responsibility in times of emergency and delegates authority to declare an emergency to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** multiple cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Washington County; and

**WHEREAS,** the existence of the COVID-19 pandemic may constitute a threat of imminent widespread illness, human suffering, loss of life, and financial loss to residents, businesses and the City of Cornelius; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cornelius City Council has the responsibility to respond to protect residents and property within the City of Cornelius; and

**WHEREAS,** a coordinated response with other agencies through mutual aid agreements and partnerships is the appropriate action to undertake.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORNELIUS CITY COUNCIL THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS IN ALL AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF CORNELIUS, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A state of emergency exists within the entire City of Cornelius upon adoption by the City Council and signed by the Mayor through April 6, 2020.

Section 2. The City and its officials shall be authorized to take legal actions and issue orders as are determined necessary to protect the public, property and to conduct activities that strive to minimize and/or mitigate the effect of the emergency.

Section 3. The City shall take the necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursements from the State of Oregon and appropriate federal agencies.

Section 4. The City shall examine emergency procurements of goods and services that are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and other applicable rules.

**INTRODUCED AND APPROVED** by the Cornelius City Council at the special meeting, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

City of Cornelius, Oregon

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey C. Dalin, Mayor

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debby Roth, MMC, City Recorder