



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

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**Subject: City of Yakima Emergency Declaration Extended**

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## **Emergency Declaration Extended Due to COVID-19**

During its regular meeting tonight, Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Yakima City Council extended an emergency proclamation due to COVID-19. Council's action extends the declaration through Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The declaration enables the City to potentially be eligible for state and federal assistance needed to meet costs associated with the COVID-19 emergency and to make purchases necessary to respond to the emergency without usual procurement procedures.

Mayor Patricia Byers signed the initial emergency declaration on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which took effect immediately. Under state law, the full Council needed to ratify the declaration in order for it to remain in effect long term. Council did so during a special meeting held March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Council has since extended the order each month.

Yakima City Hall remains closed to the public to help stem the spread of COVID-19.

The City continues to provide services to the community.

Visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/media/points-of-interest/online-city-services/> for options to connect with City departments online and by phone.

Click <https://www.yakimawa.gov/covid19/> for information on the City's response to the pandemic, as well as helpful precautions and links related to COVID-19 and the community's response.