



City of Yakima

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Yakima City Council Extends Declaration of Emergency Due to COVID-19

During its regular meeting tonight, Tuesday, June 2nd, the Yakima City Council extended an emergency proclamation due to COVID-19. Council's action extends the declaration through Tuesday, July 7th.

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.

Gov. Jay Inslee's stay-at-home orders expired on Monday, June 1st. However, Yakima County remains in Phase 1 of the state's four-phase recovery plan from COVID-19 due to the area's high rate of infection.

Mayor Patricia Byers signed the initial emergency declaration on March 12th, 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 13th.

Council then extended the order another 30 days during its meeting on Tuesday, April 7th and again during the meeting on Tuesday, May 19th.

All City buildings remain 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.