



City of Yakima

News Release

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

During its regular meeting tonight, Tuesday, May 5th the Yakima City Council extended an emergency proclamation due to COVID-19. Council's action extends the declaration through Thursday, June 4th.

It follows Gov. Jay Inslee's decision to extend his stay-at-home orders through May 31st. Gov. Inslee announced a four-phase process to re-open the state's economy. A link to it is available on the City of Yakima's COVID-19 webpage - <https://www.yakimawa.gov/covid19/>

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 unanimously during a special meeting held March 13th. Council then extended the order another 30 days during its meeting on Tuesday, April 7th.

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.

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