



City of Yakima

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

During its regular meeting last night, Tuesday, July 7th, the Yakima City Council extended an emergency proclamation due to COVID-19. Council's action extends the declaration through Tuesday, August 4th.

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 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 meetings on Tuesday, April 7th, Tuesday, May 5th and Tuesday, June 2nd.

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.