



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

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

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

During its regular meeting last night, Tuesday, the Yakima City Council extended an emergency declaration due to COVID-19. The Council's action extends the declaration through Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Patricia Byers signed the initial emergency declaration on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. The Council did so unanimously during a special meeting held March 13<sup>th</sup>. That initial declaration was scheduled to end this Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Council's action last night follows a statewide stay-at-home order issued by Gov. Jay Inslee that has been extended through Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

All City buildings are closed to the public to help stem the spread of COVID-19.

The City continues to provide all normal services to the community.

Visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/media/covid19/> for the City's coronavirus page, which details the City's response to the virus and precautions community members can take.

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