

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
POLK COUNTY, OREGON

An Order Declaring a State of)
Emergency)
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ORDER NO. 20-07

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Polk County to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309, and the Polk County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) authorize the county governing body to declare a state of emergency within the county or within a designated portion of the county and to establish procedures to prepare for and carry out activities which are necessary to prevent, minimize, respond to, or recover from an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the following condition has resulted in the need for a local state of emergency: (a) one presumptive case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been detected in Polk County; (b) the presence of COVID-19 constitutes a high potential threat to public health, to wit, infectious Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is known to spread person-to-person through coughing, sneezing and close personal contact; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown signed Executive Order No. 20-03, declaring a statewide emergency due to COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the following disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected in association with COVID-19: (a) COVID-19 is expanding world-wide including a declared global pandemic and a declared outbreak in Oregon; (b) County resources will be needed to respond to this threat to keep the public as safe as possible; (c) Resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be exhausted; now therefore,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, OREGON, hereby ORDERS as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to ORS 401.309, and the Polk County EOP, the Board of Commissioners for Polk County formally declares a state of emergency for Polk County, effective on this 17th day of March, 2020 and continuing for sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 2. Upon this declaration of a state of emergency the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to take and/or direct such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency as authorized by ORS, and the Polk County EOP.

Section 3. The County Administrator, Local Public Health Administrator and Emergency Manager shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency including, but not limited to, coordinating with the State of Oregon and the federal government in order to qualify Polk County for all available state and federal emergency assistance, not limited to use of shared resources, assistance from state and federal agencies, and financial assistance and reimbursements.

Section 4. Emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and Polk County contracting rules.

Section 5. With regard to county employees, the Board of Commissioners may authorize modification(s) to relevant personnel leave and workplace requirements/designations as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners to address impacts associated with COVID-19.

Section 6. The scope of this declaration is in support of the COVID-19 public health response being overseen and directed by the State of Oregon; the residents of Polk County are encouraged to follow standard hygiene protocols and stay at home when ill, but otherwise go on with daily life.

Section 7. This Order is effective upon signing.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020, at Dallas, Oregon.

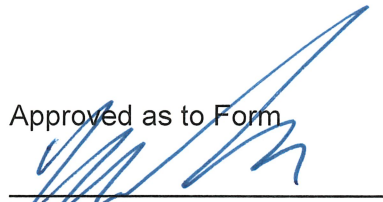
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