



April 14, 2020

To: Executive Committee

From: Brenda Wilson

Subject: Emergency Resolution

Action Recommended: Adopt

BACKGROUND:

On March 8, 16, and 23, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oregon issued three Executive Orders declaring a statewide State of Emergency under ORS 401.025(1) due to the serious public health and safety threat posed by the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our state and enacting measures to respond to this emergency. On March 17, 2020, the Lane County Board of Commissioners declared a County-wide state of emergency.

Multiple cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within Lane County and the state and the Governor's Declaration present circumstances constituting a present threat of imminent widespread or severe damage, significant injury to persons or property, increased human suffering, loss of life, and financial loss within the LCOG's boundaries; and it is unknown at the time how long this emergency will last or what further measures may need to be taken in response to the emergency.

During this State of Emergency, it is prudent and responsible to delegate certain powers and responsibilities to the Executive Director in order to more efficiently expedite LCOG responses and services; and these emergency circumstances require focused and coordinated municipal and community responses beyond that which occur routinely and such coordinated responses cannot be achieved without temporarily

amending some of the LCOG's regular business, emergency, employment, and intergovernmental practices.

Accordingly, a Resolution is being presented to you to achieve the following:

1. LCOG Authority. To provide LCOG's Executive Director the authority to take any legal and necessary steps to respond and recover from the emergency, including but not limited to: requesting assistance, funds, and reimbursement from the State of Oregon and federal agencies; adopting temporary rules and policies regarding LCOG facilities, funds, resources, and staff; entering into contracts for services or aid agreements with other governmental or private entities; and cancelling non-essential meetings and events.
2. Emergency Procurement. To provide LCOG the authority to procure goods, services, and public improvements pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.320, ORS 279C.380(4), and all other applicable statutes, resolutions, and rules.
3. Executive Director Delegation. To provide LCOG's Executive Director the authority to implement local, state and federal leave recommendations and mandates; suspend enforcement of adopted policies to equitably respond to emergency mandated closures; take actions and issue orders necessary and reasonable to protect health, safety and welfare of its employees, members and the public; and to conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency, as long as such actions, orders, and activities are in compliance with local, state and federal law.
4. Staff Designation. To direct the Executive Director to identify two additional LCOG staff members who are designated and authorized to serve as the "acting in capacity" Executive Director (Executive Director AIC) in the Executive Director's absence during this State of Emergency. The Executive Director or designee(s) shall regularly document and report to the Board regarding any actions or orders taken pursuant to this Declaration. Those staff members are Government Services Division Director Howard Schussler and Senior and Disability Service Division Director Emily Farrell.
5. Effective Date and Duration. This Declaration shall be effective on the date adopted by the Board and shall remain in effect until

_____ at 11:59 pm, unless further extended by the Executive Director or designee of the LCOG Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Having adjudged and declared that existing conditions are such that this Declaration is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of LCOG, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist and Resolution 2020 - 02, and all provisions modifying the Resolution referred to herein, shall take effect in full force and effect when signed by the Board Chair.