CITY OF NEWCASTLE

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County thus enabling King County Government to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City may require supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE THAT:

A local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak, emergency operations are in effect, and this event constitutes an emergency necessitating the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

Signed, this 6th day of March 2020

Robert Wyman, City Manager

Linda Newing, Mayor