



## 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

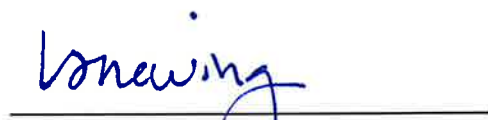
**WHEREAS**, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

  
Robert Wyman, City Manager

  
Linda Newing, Mayor