

# DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

## CITY OF SUNNYSIDE

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the first confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) were detected in Yakima County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is an infectious respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and that can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, international, federal, and state government public health authorities have issued warnings regarding the impacts and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; on February 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed that a State of Emergency related to COVID-19 exists in all counties in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Yakima County and the City of Yakima both declared an Emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, one or more COVID-19 events have now occurred in Yakima County, and disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected in local municipalities, including the City of Sunnyside, from the above conditions; and

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare within the City of Sunnyside and City resources related to disease prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and related public services and funding are expected to be severely affected and/or exhausted; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management and the Yakima County Health District have declared a local health emergency Health District have declared a local health emergency and have recommended that Cities in Yakima County likewise declare an emergency to manage the impacts of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Emergency Declaration:** A state of emergency, pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW, exists within the City of Sunnyside to respond to the impacts of COVID-19.
2. **Emergency Powers:** All emergency powers and authority granted in Chapter 38.52 RCW and in RCW 39.04.280, which allows streamlined processes for purchasing goods and services, are hereby invoked. Each City department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation to take emergency actions and provide emergency services to protect the health and safety of persons and property.

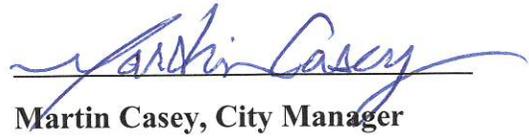
3. **State and Federal Assistance:** The City Manager is authorized to seek state and federal assistance and potential reimbursement for local funds spent on COVID-19 response.
4. **Limitations:** This proclamation is not intended as a finding of “public danger” under RCW 35A.13.030.

**DATED** this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2020.

**CITY OF SUNNYSIDE**



Francisco Guerrero, Mayor



Martin Casey, City Manager