

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Extending the Declaration
of a Local State of Emergency Due to
COVID-19

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2020

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County (hereinafter, the "Board") to declare that a state of emergency exists in Columbia County and to establish procedures to prepare for and carry out any activity to prevent, minimize, respond to or recover from an emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 25-2020, declaring an emergency for Columbia County to address the spread of COVID-19 and authorizing the Board to take actions and issue orders necessary to protect the public and minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 25-2020 will expire on August 13, 2020; however, an extension is necessary because COVID-19 remains a highly contagious and novel Coronavirus, for which there is no vaccine, and continues to spread Columbia County, posing a significant threat to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, County resources continue to be needed to respond to this threat and to keep the public as safe as possible. Resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, assistance to homeless individuals, assistance to businesses, continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be exhausted; and

WHEREAS, the extent of damages and assistance needed is beyond the capability of the County to provide;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES AND ORDERS that the declaration of a local state of emergency adopted and in effect on March 13, 2020, by Resolution No. 25-2020 shall be extended.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that upon declaration of a state of emergency, the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to take 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, and further, that the County Department of Emergency Management is empowered to carry out the appropriate function and duties during times of emergency and shall implement the Columbia County Emergency Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbia County Board of Commissioners may take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursements from the State of Oregon and the appropriate federal agencies.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), the Columbia County Personal Services Contracting Rules, Section X.B, and the Columbia County Public Contracting Rules, Section F.6.d.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration of emergency shall expire on December 31, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

DATED this 12 day of August, 2020.

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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