

RESOLUTION NO. 20-05

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING EMERGENCY DELARATION, ADOPTING
EMERGENCY POLICHES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO
WAIVE FEES, MODIFY POLICIES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO CITY
PROCEDURES TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC**

WHEREAS, COVID-19, is a respiratory disease 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, which can result in serious illness or death thereby threatening widespread and/or severe damage to life or property thereby creating an “emergency” as defined by Idaho Code § 46-1002; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little declared a state of emergency in Idaho to address the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020 Panhandle Health District in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare issued recommendations for mass gatherings and public events recommending limiting events to less than 50 people and other measures to contain and slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020 Post Falls School District suspended classes and certain mass gatherings and public events in response to the COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020 the President of the United States recommended that social gatherings of more than 10 people should be avoided; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ronald G. Jacobson issued a local disaster emergency declaration on March 17, 2020 pursuant to Idaho Code § 46-1011 and other relevant sections of Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Idaho Code, the effect of such declaration is to activate the recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, Under I.C. 46-1011(1), the City Council must authorize extending the emergency declaration beyond 7 days; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds it necessary to approve amended personnel policies to address the COVID-19 epidemic to ensure the continuity of City functions; and

WHEREAS, The City Council also finds it necessary to allow flexibility in the application of City policies and procedures while the City responds to the epidemic.

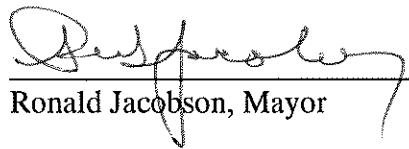
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Post Falls:

1. That the COVID-19 Management Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is adopted to address necessary changes to personnel policies in response the COVID-19 epidemic.
2. That the local disaster emergency declaration issued by Mayor Jacobson on March 17, 2020 is hereby ratified and extended for the duration of the COVID-19 epidemic.
3. That the City Administrator is authorized to identify and suspend rules, policies, fees, and deadlines necessary to encourage city residents to conduct business with the city, or to comment on matters of public concern, without the need of coming to City Hall, or attending public meetings and hearings, in person.

APPROVED by the City Council on this 17th day of ^{March}~~April~~ 2020.



CITY OF POST FALLS



Ronald Jacobson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Howard, City Clerk