

**City of Bingen, Washington**  
**Emergency Proclamation 2020-01**

*Whereas*, the State of Washington, along with much of the world, is experiencing an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19, and;

*Whereas*, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily spread from person to person, and;

*Whereas*, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus beginning on January 27, 2020, and;

*Whereas*, on February 20, 2020 Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency (Proclamation 20-05) for all counties in Washington State due to the spread of COVID-19 and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented, and;

*Whereas*, on March 3, 2020 Klickitat County Emergency Operations Center was activated to Level-2 (partial activation) and is working to ensure that local stakeholders have access to all relevant information related to COVID-19 for preparation purposes, and;

*Whereas*, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency related to COVID-19, and;

*Whereas*, proactive measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare of the City of Bingen, visitors, and staff, and;

*Whereas*, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and;

*Whereas*, the City may require supplemental assistance, and;

*Whereas*, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources and the duration of the event is unknown, and;

*Whereas*, the existing conditions related to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Betty Barnes, Mayor of the City of Bingen verbally proclaim that a local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak and that emergency operations are in effect, and this necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

**DATED** this 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020 at 3:45 p.m.

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The City of Bingen is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation considering the exigencies of this emergency without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except Constitutional requirements).

SIGNED AND DATED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Betty J. Barnes", is written over a horizontal line.

Betty J. Barnes, Mayor